W. D. COOSTREE
STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.
Complete Stock, popular prices.
Opposite J. P. Dowell, East Louisiana Street,
McKINNEY, - - TEXAS.

THE DEMOCRAT.

ENTERED AT THE POSTOFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MAIL MATTER.

TOM ANDREWS,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
MONEY TO LOAN
ABSTRACTS OF TITLE FURNISHED
McKINNEY, TEXAS.

VOL. 10 — M'KINNEY, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 1893. — NO 25

What is
CASTORIA

Castoria is Dr. Samuel Pitcher's prescription for Infants and Children. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. It is a harmless substitute for Paregoric, Drops, Soothing Syrups, and Castor Oil. It is Pleasant. Its guarantee is thirty years' use by Millions of Mothers. Castoria is the Children's Panacea —the Mother's Friend.

Castoria.

"Castoria is so well adapted to children that I recommend it as superior to any prescription known to me." H. A. Archer, M. D., 111 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

"The use of 'Castoria' is so universal and its merits so well known that it seems a work of supererogation to endorse it. Few are the intelligent families who do not keep Castoria within easy reach."
Carlos Martyn, D. D., New York City.

Castoria.

Castoria cures Colic, Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhœa, Eructation, Kills Worms, gives sleep, and promotes digestion, Without injurious medication.

"For several years I have recommended your 'Castoria,' and shall always continue to do so as it has invariably produced beneficial results."
Edwin F. Pardee, M. D., 125th Street and 7th Ave., New York City.

The Centaur Company, 77 Murray Street, New York City

McKINNEY NURSERIES
COMES WITH A FINER AND MORE COMPLETE STOCK OF
Fruits and Ornamental Trees
THAN EVER BEFORE.
Send or bring your orders direct to headquarters and get LOWEST PRICES for CASH.
Peach Seed received in exchange at $1.00 per bushel.
Address,
E. W. Kirkpatrick.
27 Premiums at State Fair.

F. EMERSON, President. T. T. EMERSON, Vice President. T. H. EMERSON, Cashier
First National Bank
OF M'KINNEY, TEXAS.
CAPITAL and SURPLUS - - $125,000.
Buys and sells exchange on the principal cities in Europe. First-class paper discounted.
DIRECTORS: Francis Emerson, T. T. Emerson, T. H. Emerson, Jno. L. Lovejoy, C. H. Welch.
Business hours—9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

ABSTRACT DEPARTMENT.
HOW IS YOUR LAND TITLED?
If you do not know see the Collin County Abstract Company managed by Byrne & Benson. They devote all their time to the abstract business, and have the most elaborate and complete Abstract Books in Collin county.
LOAN DEPARTMENT.
IF YOU WANT MONEY
On the Installment plan; they can furnish it at the lowest rate of interest and for any length of time.
LAND DEPARTMENT.
IF YOU WANT TO BUY OR SELL
Collin county lands call on Byrne & Benson. They make a specialty of the real estate business.
Deed and Release Dep't.
FOR A DEED OR RELEASE
Accurately written or an acknowledgment correctly taken call on them. They have a large supply of printed deeds and releases, all in statutory form, for the use of their patrons; also the most approved form of bond notes; all of which are for the use of their clients and not to sell or lend.
Collin County Abstract Co.

Doctor Henderson
102 & 104 W. 9th St., KANSAS CITY, MO.
The Old Reliable Doctor. A Regular Graduate in Medicine. Oldest in Age and Longest Located.
OVER 27 YEARS OF SPECIAL PRACTICE.
Authorized by the State to treat CHRONIC, NERVOUS and SPECIAL DISEASES. Cures guaranteed or money refunded. All medicines furnished ready for use. No mercury or injurious medicines used. No detention from work. Patients at a distance treated by mail and express. Medicines sent everywhere, free from gaze or breakage. Charges low. Over 30,000 cases cured. Age and experience are important. Read little book, then state your case. Send for opinion and terms. Consultation free and confidential, personally or by letter
Seminal Weakness & Sexual Debility,
(Spermatorrhœa and Impotency) caused by youthful follies and excesses, producing nervousness, losses, pimples and blotches on the face, rushes of blood to the head, pains in the back, confused ideas and forgetfulness, bashfulness, aversion to society, loss of sexual power, loss of manhood, &c., cured for life. I can stop all night losses, restore lost sexual power, restore nerve and brain power, enlarge and strengthen weak parts and make you fit for marriage.
Syphilis, that terrible disease, in all its forms and stages cured for life. Blood Poisoning, Skin Diseases, Ulcers, Swellings, Sores, Gonorrhœa and Gleet, and all forms of Private Diseases positively cured or money refunded.
Stricture permanently cured without caustic, cutting, bougies or sound. No pain, no exposure. Patient can use the treatment at home.
Rheumatism The Great Turkish Rheumatic Cure. A SURE CURE. The greatest discovery in the annals of medicine. One dose gives relief; a few doses remove fever and pain in joints—a cure in a few days. Send statement of case, with stamp for circular.
Book for both sexes, 80 pages, 27 pictures, true to life, with full description of above diseases, the effects and cure, sealed in plain wrapper for 6c in stamps. Read this little book and answer questions.
Free Museum of Anatomy For Men Only. Replete with thousands of curiosities. The life-like models and wax figures deeply impress the mind:—a school of instruction—a sermon without words. N. B.—I have $500 deposited in the bank, which I will forfeit for above diseases that I cannot cure.

KENTUCKY HOUSE
C. B. WILLIS & J. H. MARTIN, Proprietors.
Are prepared to give first-class accommodations and respectfully solicit the patronage of the public.
TERMS:

Per meal	$ 25
Board and lodging per day	1.00
Board and lodging per week	4.00
Board and lodging per month	15.00

Farmers, when in the city give them a call.

ALMOST STARVATION.

A SAD CHRISTMAS TO MANY CITIZENS OF PATERSON.

Half the Population of the City In Dire Need of Bread and Fuel—Twenty Thousand People Out of Work—New York's Unemployed.

PATERSON, N. Y., Dec. 23.—This is a woeful holiday season for nearly one-half the population of Paterson, for the gaunt hand of famine has the town in such an awful clutch that most of the unfortunates will consider themselves fortunate to have anything to eat on Christmas day. Never in the history of the town, not even excepting the dark winter of 1873, has there been such general distress. A multitude of enforced idlers, with their wives and little ones, are in dire need of bread and fuel.

Paterson, with its 80,000 population, is the second manufacturing town in New Jersey. In September, owing to the common depression in business, 5000 persons were out of work. A month later the army of unemployed had grown to 12,000, and now it is estimated by those who are moving to relieve the pressing wants of the sufferers that nearly 20,000 workers, one-fourth of the population, is in poverty-stricken idleness.

The idleness of 20,000 workers means hunger and cold for fully as many more. The Passaic county almshouse is full to overflowing, all the relief societies have three times as many applications as they can care for, while hospitals and churches are besieged by respectable poor clamoring for work or food. A citizens' relief committee was organized at the city hall and measures were taken to ameliorate the condition of the sufferers.

New York's Idle Army.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The number of unemployed in New York is estimated at between 100,000 and 150,000. More than half of these live on the East Side, between the Bowery and the East river. The center of the destitution in that quarter of the city is among the Russian and German garment makers. The inspectors of the United Hebrew charities went through this district and found hundreds of families on the verge of starvation. They brought back as a souvenir of their day's work one pawnticket for an undershirt and another for a bed sheet.

Charges Against Ministers.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 23.—Charges have been filed against half a dozen ministers in this conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which is being held here. One well-known minister is charged with playing a confidence game on benevolent ladies of the church by sending appeals for help to the home missionary societies and getting money, clothing and provisions, which he took for his own use.

Gamblers Robbed at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Three robbers entered John Condon's gambling den at 14 Quincy Place, between 3 and 4 yesterday morning and with drawn revolvers compelled the attendants, Baer, Dale, Keele and Roberts to raise their hands. They secured $4000 and decamped. No clew.

Fred Warde Pleads Poverty.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Actor Frederick Warde was in the poor debtors' session of the municipal court to take the oath for the poor debtors on an execution obtained in a St. Louis court for $8400, a debt owed by the actor to the Bissell estate, having been contracted by the actor a number of years ago.

The Maybrick Case Again.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—New evidence has been discovered in the case of Mrs. Maybrick in the person of a Halifax captain, who has been away a sea. He says he was intimate with the Maybricks and often talked with the deceased regarding his taking of arsenic.

Only Two of Them Left.

PARIS, Ky., Dec. 22.—Presley Simpson, a soldier of the war of 1812, died in this city yesterday. He was born Jan. 5, 1796, and served in the post-office department at Washington from 1826 to 1861. There are now living only two soldiers of the war of 1812.

Prendergast Jury Illegal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—It is claimed that the Prendergast jury is illegal because they separated Tuesday to go to different polls to vote, when the law requires they shall be kept together.

Cashier Shoots Himself.

SHAKOPEE, Minn., Dec. 23.—David L. How, cashier of the First National bank here, shot himself. Despondency, financial and domestic troubles were the cause.

Mayor of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Complete returns show the election of Hopkins (Dem.) over Swift (Rep.) for mayor by 1141. It is rumored that the election will be contested.

Three Men Killed.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 22.—Richard Clark, Peter Seck and George Dooner were killed by an explosion of powder and the caving in of a mine near here.

Bank President Arrested.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 23.—Seth L. Keeney, president of the Commercial bank was arrested on a warrant which charges him with perjury.

A Boiler Explodes.

LOGAN, O., Dec. 20.—John F. Knight, son of a prominent farmer, was killed near here by the explosion of a thresher boiler.

SCRATCHED TEN MONTHS.
A troublesome skin disease caused me to scratch for ten months, and has been cured by a few days' use of S.S.S.
M. H. Wolff, Upper Marlboro, Md.
SWIFT'S SPECIFIC
Was cured several years ago of white swelling on my leg by using S.S.S. and have had no symptoms of return of the disease. Many prominent physicians attended me and all failed, but S. S. S. did the work.
Paul W. Kirkpatrick, Johnson City, Tenn.
Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free.
Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

Waxahachie Visited by a Serious Conflagration—Southern Pacific Robbery.

WAXAHACHIE, Tex., Dec. 21.—Early yesterday morning a fire started here, which almost swept away the entire principal business square in the town. The fire raged furiously several hours, when it was checked.

The following is a list of the firms burned out: Citizens' National bank, St. Louis clothing store, N. Brown, dry goods; Lancaster & Matthews, drugs and stationery; Davenport & Sons, jewelry and millinery; J. C. Woodleif, jewelry; Lewis Bros., saloon, Rockett & Penn, groceries; Gaither & Spencer, groceries; J. P. Kennedy, buggies and carriages; Wells-Fargo express office; M. Portner, millinery; D. Knoech, racket store; McCoy & Son, Five and Ten Cent store.

A great many offices were located in the upper stories of the building, occupied by lawyers, doctors and other professional men, [illegible] instruments.

The loss is estimated at from $150,000 to $200,000, with a total insurance of $90,000.

Two Theories.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 20.—The agent of the Wells Fargo express says that the express car in which Messenger Richardson was killed was not robbed, and that the company did not lose a cent. Richardson had a good watch on him at the time, which the robbers did not disturb. The opinion of the express officials was that Richardson was either killed by some private enemy, a view of the matter they are now disposed to take, or that after killing him were interrupted in their robbing by the train stopping at Dayton, which is an unusual thing. The latter view is the most favored and would indicate that the murder occurred just before reaching Dayton.

Passenger Train Wreck.

WINCHESTER, Tex., Dec. 20.—The westbound passenger train on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass was ditched two and a half miles north of here yesterday. The tender, baggage, express and the first car ran about 100 yards on the embankment and then overturned in a narrow ravine 20 feet deep. Clark Dyer, a newsboy, was killed and several others injured. The rear coach remained on the track. The wreck caused considerable damage.

Decided For the County.

BALLINGER, Tex., Dec. 22.—In the suit of Mathis vs. Runnels county in the Federal court at Waco the attorney for the county received a telegram stating that Judge Rector had decided the case in favor of the county. This suit involved the validity of $20,000 of bridge bonds issued by this county four years ago, as well as all interest on them.

Shot a Safe Robber.

WHITEWRIGHT, Tex., Dec. 19.—An attempt was made Sunday night by two men to rob the safe of Howard & Lively. Officers had been informed and were lying in wait. When the men were well at work they were ordered to surrender. They showed fight and the officers opened fire, wounding one. The other escaped.

Covered With a Winchester.

WAXAHACHIE, Tex., Dec. 20.—Fred Aaron, an elderly gentleman, was held up by a highwayman three miles west of here and robbed of $40. Aaron was walking to his farm in the country and the highwayman stepped out of the brush and covered him with a Winchester.

A Black Hero.

KILGORE, Tex., Dec. 23.—A negro boy 16 years old, living about four miles from this place, was attacked and killed by a vicious hog. The hog attacked two small children and the boy went to their rescue and was killed and mangled beyond recognition.

County Judge Kirk Acquitted.

CLARKSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 18.—The jury in the case of John J. Kirk, county judge of Bowie county, charged with killing Editor Allen at Texarkana returned a verdict of not guilty. The case was tried here on a change of venue.

Wreck on the Katy.

BASTROP, Tex., Dec. 18.—A wreck occurred this side of Sayers station on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Saturday. A bridge gave way under a northbound train. No one was killed, but much damage was done.

A Respite Granted.

AUSTIN, Dec. 18.—Governor Hogg has decided to grant a respite to the negro, Ed Nichols, whose execution was set for Dec. 22, so as to give time for looking over the papers in the case. The respite is till Jan. 12.

Escaped Prisoner Captured.

DALLAS, Dec. 25.—Frank Dorris, who was arrested in Sherman a few days ago for swindling and escaped from the calaboose in that town, was arrested in this city and will be taken back to Sherman.

Compromised For Ten Thousand.

DALLAS, Dec. 21.—It is announced here that Mrs. Ed S. Randall has compromised her damage suit against I. G. Randle for killing her husband last Christmas, for $10,000.

Does Not Want an Increase.

MARSHALL, Tex., Dec. 22.—Mayor Adair has vetoed an ordinance in which his salary was increased from $60 to $75 per month.

Cornerstone Laid.

DALLAS, Dec. 23.—The conerstone of St. Matthews (Episcopal) cathedral was laid yesterday with imposing ceremonies.

Ben Jenks Dead.

GALVESTON, Dec. 21.—Ben Jenks, who was shot here Monday night by Jacob Steinhauser over a crap game, is dead.

Secured the Shops.

HILLSBORO, Tex., Dec. 35.—This place has at last secured the Missouri, Kansas and Texas machine shops. The work of removing the shops from Alvarado to Hillsboro will begin in a few days. The citizens are very much gratified that the matter is at last assured.

Committed Suicide.

WACO, Tex., Dec. 25.—J. B. Payne, a prominent piano dealer, committed suicide here by shooting himself through the head.

WORK OF ROBBERS

TWO PASSENGER TRAINS HELD UP BY BOLD BANDITS.

One Was In the Indian Territory and the Other In California—The Amount Secured Is Not Known, but Is Thought to Be Large.

PARSONS, Kan., Dec. 25.—Another and one of the boldest train robberies ever perpetrated has been recorded in the Indian Territory. The robbery occurred last night at Seminole, a small station on the Kansas and Arkansas Valley railroad, which is a division of the Missouri Pacific. The train robbed was bound for Little Rock, Ark. As the train approached Seminole the engineer saw a danger signal ahead and slowed up, being under the impression that he was flagged to meet another train. As the train neared the switch, however, the engineer perceived a flat car [illegible] on the side track onto the main line and the red light placed on the car. As soon as the train reached the obstruction the engine was boarded by two or three men, who commanded the engineer and fireman to jump out of their cab, which they did, as they were confronted by half a dozen other men armed to the teeth with Winchesters and revolvers. A detachment of bandits then started toward the back of the train.

They attacked the mail car first and met with no resistance from the mail clerks. Pouch after pouch was opened and rifled of their contents. Then the letters which had been distributed in pigeon holes were gone through deliberately and all valuable contents extracted and placed in the receptacle which the robbers carried. After completing the work in the mail car the robbers turned their attention to the express car and looted it of its contents.

Having satisfied themselves they had secured all the valuables in the car, the gang proceeded through the coaches and made a clean sweep of all valuables in possession of the terrorized passengers. It would have been more than folly for the passengers or crew to resist, as the band was made up of eight desperate looking men and it was evident that they way they went at the job they knew their business.

While the robbers proceeded through the coaches each passenger was compelled to hand over all the cash and jewelry. No violence was offered because everyone gave up quickly, glad to escape with a whole skin. The work of the bandits was so deliberate and painstaking it is believed they are oldtimers and are the same gang who held up the Missouri, Kansas and Texas train Saturday night. They secured big booty, but no estimate can be given of the loss.

A posse was organized as soon as it was possible to advise the authorities of the facts, and deputies are hot on the trail of the robbers. It is barely possible that if the posse gets near the gang a fight will ensue.

Southern Pacific Robbery.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—Railroad brigands have again appeard in California and Sunday morning attacked the Southern Pacific train bearing the treasury of the Wells, Fargo Express company. The train was held up at Roscoe, a small station 12 miles north of here. The train was stopped by two men who covered the train men with revolvers and blew open the door of the express car with dynamite. After the robbers had gone through the express car the train was allowed to proceed after a detention of 20 or 30 minutes. It is claimed the robbers got nothing with the exception of $10 taken from the engineer, as they were unable to open the safe and everything was locked up.

Attempted Robbery.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—Eight men attempted to rob the New Orleans express on the Mobile and Ohio railroad Saturday night at Pittsburg crossing. They were foiled in their attempt and escaped, leaving no clew.

Peculiar Kind of a Fad.

ROCKFORD, Ills., Dec. 25.—The council at its meeting, in the interests of economy, voted to do away with all fads in the public schools, which means that music teachers will be dismissed Jan. 1. The office of plumbing inspector was also abolished. The council also voted to increase the water supply by adopting the Pohle airlift system at an expense of about $10,000.

Drowned In a Cistern.

PARIS, Tex., Dec. 25.—Allen, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Declercy, was drowned in a cistern. The unfortunate affair was caused by a plank becoming loose over the cistern, which gave way. The cistern was under the roof of the dwelling. The child was playing about the house and fell in it. Before it could be rescued it was dead.

Vacated the Order.

OMAHA, Dec. 25.—Judge Scott has vacated the order which prevented the filing of complaints against gambling houses, also declaring that Mayor Beemiss, as a worn officer permitted violation of the statute by accepting monthly fines to the city, should be impeached.

Starved Herself.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Fannie Landers died Friday at Brewer almshouse of starvation. She refused to take food for 55 days, during which time she drank only a little water. Despondency caused her to suicide in this manner.

An Army of Unemployed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Telegrams to Bradstreet's from 179 cities show there are 801,000 idle wage workers and that depending on them are 1,956,000 people.

King of Siam Ill.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Bangkok says the condition of the king of Siam is serious.

New Year's Superstitions.

The following superstitions in connection with New Year's are still firmly believed in various parts of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales:

On New Year's morning go to a well or fountain and leave an apple and nosegay, and the water will keep fresh and be more wholesome all the year.

If a dark complexioned man crosses your threshold first on New Year's day, you will be prosperous; if a blond, unlucky, and if a redheaded man dire disaster will surely follow.—Selected.

SIX MILLION MILES WE'VE SPED.

Once Again Old Mother Earth Has Rolled Around the Sun.

This is the beginning of a new year, and we have made a very long journey. Old travelers say that when a man gets lost in the wilderness he goes round and round in trying to go ahead, and he finds himself following his own tracks in a circle. I don't know whether this is so or not, but I do know that today we are right exactly where we were a year ago, and yet we have traveled round and round nearly 6,000,000 miles at the rate of 1,000 miles a minute. Astronomers tell us that we are right exactly where we were a year ago.

This is mighty curious to me. Who is doing it? This world has been going on this grand round for thousands of years, maybe millions of years, and is still at it. What is it? for I want to know. Why doesn't it stop and rest? What did it ever start for? If this earth was made for us, why does it have to go round and round forever and forever? If it has to go round the sun, why wouldn't a circle do as well as an ellipse—why go at all? Couldn't the universe be still and every planet be independent? Why does the earth have to turn a somersault every day and whirl us round at the rate of a thousand miles an hour? Who is doing all this, and what is it done for, and when is the whole business to come to an end, or a focus, or a transformation?

I confess my ignorance and feel as humble as a dog when I contemplate the wonders and mysteries of creation. I don't understand how the corn grows, nor the flowers bloom, nor the birds hatch their young, and yet I realize that everything has been made for our good, our comfort, our pleasure.

I was popping corn last night for a little grandchild, and I know that in the grand design of Providence this little corn was created just to please the children and nothing else. I know that cotton grows to clothe the millions in summer, and the sheep were created to give us wool in winter, and the cattle to give us milk and butter and shoes. Even our complaints and ailments are provided for in nature's remedies, for we have quinine and calomel and castor oil and opium and turpentine and mineral springs, and the best are the cheapest. All the best things are the cheapest—the air and water and fire, the bread and meat and vegetables, and the fruits of the earth and the material for clothing.

The evidences of design and care and love are all around us everywhere and in everything, and I cannot understand how a thoughtful man can be an agnostic or an infidel. I want to thank somebody every morning for preserving me through the night, for I know that sleep is near akin to death, and I cannot keep my own heart beating. There is some great thing behind me, and I will trust him because he has been good to me and sustained me all my life. The best religion is to trust in the Lord and do good.—Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

Chinese New Year Customs.

The custom of giving presents and particularly that of exchanging New Year's calls is essentially Chinese. The coincidence of these two rather peculiar acts of brotherly love coexisting in Holland and Scotland should furnish cause for thought. It is a little singular certainly that the Chinese, who are not an overcharitable or forgiving race, should enjoin the forgiveness of all debts at the beginning of the new year.

It is an amusing spectacle in China to see the creditor mercilessly hunting down the debtor during the few days that remain. No one is exempt from the necessity, for in order to pay his own debts he must in turn collect what is due to him. The debtor who cannot fulfill his obligations by New Year's goes into bankruptcy by the operations of a custom stronger than law. He undoubtedly earns the contempt of his fellow men, but at least he is free from their persecution. His debts are forgiven with quite as much sincerity as could be expected under the circumstances.

Besides this painful phase of Chinese Yuletide there are other preparations to be made for the fitting celebration of the great three day festival, beginning with the first day of the first month. The red peach paper which has been removed from the doorway must be replaced, and therefore about this time the professional letter writer of the Chinese quarter takes his station on the street corner and is busily employed in writing sentences of good omen. Naturally some of these gentlemen are more popular than others, a letter writer who claims to have passed one of the inferior civil service examinations, or who at one time has been connected with a fashionable josshouse, being more in demand than he who has picked up his smattering of knowledge at school, or by what is an important factor in Chinese education—self help.

It is quite customary also to bring these red paper slips to the josshouse, where for a trifling fee they are stamped with the seal of the joss. Certainly it is worth taking some trouble with a little piece of paper which is to do duty for an entire year, for as soon as the slips have been prepared and stamped they are glued to the doorposts against the time when the evil spirits shall return and make the last state of the man worse than the first. The moral which the Saviour pointed out to his disciples, that spasmodic effort is inevitably followed by reactions unfavorable to the true spiritual development, is fully borne out by the history of the Chinese people.—Harper's Magazine.

Congressman Abbott.

HILLSBORO, Tex., Dec. 25.—Hon. Jo Abbott will leave for Washington tomorrow, his family having about recovered.

A RECORD of twenty-five years of cures is made by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. In all blood disorders, this remedy has numbered its cures by the thousands. Years of uninterrupted success long ago led the proprietors to sell this remedy as no other blood-purifier can be sold. They have so much confidence in the "Discovery" that they guarantee it in all diseases that come from a torpid liver or impure blood. As a blood-cleanser, flesh-builder, and strength-restorer, nothing like the "Discovery" is known to medical science. Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Biliousness, and the most stubborn Skin, Scalp, or Scrofulous Affections, quickly yield to its purifying and cleansing properties. If it doesn't benefit or cure, you have your money back.
For Colic, Diarrhœa, Dysentery, Cholera Morbus and Cholera Infantum, take Dr. Pierce's Compound Extract of Smart-Weed.

National Commercial College
DENISON, TEXAS.
H. A. IVY, A. M., Pres't. J. D. HASSELL, M. A., Sec
Equaled by Few; Surpassed by None in America, English Branches, Music, Elocution and Physical Culture taught.
MY NEW YE R'S RESOLUTION: I have resolved to quit work for starvation wages, and prepare myself during the new year, by taking a course of business training, to earn a handsome salary like several of my friends, who have taken a business or a shorthand course, are doing. I will write at once to the National Commercial College, Denison, Texas, for part cula s regarding their special rates that enable apt and industrious pupils to complete at a nominal cost, and if possible I intend to join their throng of enthusiastic workers the first of the new year.
Cut this out and send it to us
[Signed] ..... Texas
Democrat, McKinney, Texas,

A BOILER EXPLOSION.

FOUR MEN INSTANTLY KILLED AND FIVE BADLY INJURED.

The Scene of the Catastrophe Was a Horrible Sight—Fragments of Human Bodies and Blood Covered the Earth. The Mill Completely Wrecked.

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 25.—News has just reached here of a fatal boiler explosion Saturday at Whittle's sawmill situated several miles south of this place on the river in which four men were instantly killed and five others were seriously injured and the mill competely demolished.

The scene of the catastrophe was a ghastly sight. Immediately after the explosion the ground was covered with blood, and fragments of human bodies could be seen lying in shapeless masses all over the ground for yards around. The body of Louis Palmer was horribly mutilated, being torn into three different parts. His head was found at one place, his body and arms at another and his legs still at another. J. M. Whittle and Sherrid Dupes were also mangled almost beyond recognition and were blown 200 yards from where they were standing. Harrison Caldwell was blown into the river, 100 feet away. His body has been found.

So great was the force of the explosion that a cylinder head from the engine was thrown 100 feet away with such force that it struck and knocked out a support from under the Marietta and North Georgia railway bridge. The escape of four men with only slight injuries is consided miraculous, as they were standing at the side of the men killed when the explosion occurred. The engineer, Sherrod Dupes, who was killed caused the terrible disaster by tying down the safety valve to increase the power. The boiler was a 20-horse-power one and had been condemned.

Embezzled the Government's Money.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 25.—United States Postoffice Inspector F. D. Peer had Postmaster W. H. Merrill of south Jacksonville arrested on the charge of embezzling a large amount of the government's money in money order funds. Merrill mortgaged his property and made the amount good, but Commissioner Philip Walter bound him over to await the action of the grand jury. Merrill gave bail. He is a prominent merchant, the junior member of the firm of Orr & Merrill. The inspector placed another man in charge of the office.

The Normal School War.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 25.—Prof. A. E. Humke, chairman of the executive committee of the State Teacher's association, who is accused of fixing up the programme for the coming Indianapolis convention with speakers hostile to President Parsons and the state normal school board, is out in a card saying the state normal war will not be resurrected in the convention unless the friends of the normal bring it on themselves.

Has a Bad Record.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 25.—A special from Memphis states that T. J. Scott, now in jail here charged with the murder of Planter J. M. McGehee a few weeks ago, has a long record of crime in Tennessee. He was convicted of robbing a man at Memphis in 1889 and sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. After being pardoned he robbed a lady at Nashville and was again returned to the state prison.

Killed by a Sheriff.

QUANAH, Tex., Dec. 25.—At Crowell S. J. Moore, sheriff of Foard county, shot A. Y. Beverly, constable of same county, who died from the wound. Sheriff Moore was shot once through the thigh, but the wound is not fatal. The trouble grew partly out of some papers sent to Collin county for service. The remains of Beverly were brought here by relatives and will be carried to Plano for burial.

Jones and Davidson Sentenced.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—W. D. Jones and J. Burt Davidson, two desperadoes, who pleaded guilty to the station robberies at Wildwood, Idlewood, Ingram and Red Bank, were brought up for sentence. Jones got two years and Davidson 10 years. They are suspected of having murdered their pal, Forrester, whose mutilated remains were recently found in the Monongahela river.

Will Cut the Price.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Injuctions failing to rid the Edison general electric company of its numerous competitors, the big trust has decided to run all competition out of the field by cutting prices below all competition. A sweeping reduction of 25 per cent. on every grade of lamp manufactured has been made.

Through Five Wars.

TERRELL, Tex., Dec. 25.—F. A. Tibbles of Willis Point, is a veteran of wars. He has served in five wars—the Black Hawk war, the Seminole war, the war for Texas independence, the Mexican war and the civil war. In the latter he served on the Federal side. Mr. Tibbles is 82 years of age.

Coal Dealers Assign.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—The Wasson company, extensive coal dealers, have assigned. No schedule.

Fire at Little Rock.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 20.—Jones Bros.' hardware house burned here. The loss will reach $40,000.

Edward Stanhope Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Hon. Edward Stanhope died at the residence of his brother.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
DEAF Nobody & Near Noises Cured by Peck's Invisible Tubular Ear Drums. Whispers heard. Comfortable. Successful when all other remedies fail. Write for proofs free. Address F. Hiscox, 853 Broadway, New York.
BUGGIES at 1/2 Price
We Cut the PRICES and competitors. Buy of factory and save all. U. S. BUGGY & CART CO., 2 to 16 Lawrence St., Cincinnati, O.
Dr. C. F. BROWN'S
YOUNG TESTED AMERICAN 35 YEARS LINIMENT
WILL POSITIVELY CURE
Rheumatism, Lame Back, Stiff Joints, Sprains, Bruises, Cramps, Lumbago, Pain or Inflammation from any cause; also Spavin, Ringbone, Splint, Galls or Screw Worm in stock. Price, 25 cts.
A Famous Remedy of a Famous Physician.
C. F. BROWN CHEMICAL CO., Sole Proprietors. 72 John St., New York.
Are your Kidneys or Liver Affected? Use CLEVELAND'S Liver and Kidney Pills
THEY ACT DIRECTLY ON THE Liver, Kidneys & Blood, and carry off the poison from the Liver and Kidneys, quicken the circulation and give tone and vigor to the whole System.
GENTLE AND EFFICIENT, SUGAR COATED.
25c. a Box; 5 Boxes for $1.00.
ONE PILL IS A DOSE.
For sale by Druggists generally, or
Cleveland Pill Co., Pharmaceutical Chemists, 45 John St., NEW YORK.
PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 50c. and $1.00 at Druggists
The Consumptive and Feeble and all who suffer from exhausting diseases should use Parker's Ginger Tonic. It cures the worst Cough, Weak Lungs, Debility, Indigestion, Female Weakness, Rheumatism and Pain. 50c. & $1.
HINDERCORNS. The only sure cure for Corns. Stops all pain. Makes walking easy. 15cts. at Druggists.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

J. A. CALDWELL, A. J. CALDWELL.
CALDWELL & CALDWELL,
PHYSICIANS and SURGEONS
Office up stairs over Wylie & Baldwin's South side Square. Residence on Wilcox street. A. J. Caldwell can be found in office day and night.
I. E. WEBB,
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.
McKinney, Tex.,
Office over Collin County Bank.
Residence West Louisiana Street North of Public school building.
H. L. Pearson,
Dental Surgeon
Office north side square, over Aron's store. Teeth extracted without pain by the use of nitrous oxide gas.
FIRST CLASS
Board and Lodging
—AT—
Mrs. M. W. Webb's
No. 516, Jackson St., Corner of Pearl.
Dallas, Texas.
Rate $1.00 per Day. Nice, large cool rooms and bath privileges.
SYPHILIS The worst forms positively cured. 20 years' successful practice. Treatment confidential. Cures by mail or at office. Terms low. Write for Book free. Call or write. DR. WARD MEDICINE CO. 1298 S. 6th St., St. Louis, Mo.
FAT FOLKS Reduce 10 to 30 pounds per month. No starving, no inconvenience, no bad results. Permanently cured. Treatment perfectly harmless. Pamphlet free. Consultation at office and by letter free. Dr. R. H. SUTTS, 59 West 125th St., New York.

THE DEMOCRAT.

EDITED AND PUBLISHED

By F. C. Thompson,

THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1893.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

One Year,	$1.50
Eight Months,	1.00
Six Months,	75
Three "	40

Our Advertising Rates.

One column 1 year	$150.00
Half column 1 year	80.00
1-inch single column	12.00

Local notices, 7 cents per line for each insertion. Obituaries of more than 10 lines will be charged for at our usual rates.

All contracts will be charged for in proportion to the above.

Address,

F. C. THOMPSON, Proprietor,
McKinney, Texas

OUR AUTHORIZED AGENTS.

L L Miller, Farmersville.
E F Lair, Graybill.
J F Cave, Melissa.
L Holt, J R Self, Merritt.
S. S. STROUP, Verona.

We hope that our friends in each community wil select some one at once to represent THE DEMOCRAT both in corresponding and soliciting subscribers.

SECRETARY CARLISLE recommends the issue of bonds by the national government.

THE giving of $1000 to the democratic campaign fund in Virginia by President Cleveland marks him as a democrat of the right kind. The mugwump in him is to small to hurt.—Fort Worth Gazette.

WAYNE MACVEAGH has been appointed by President Cleveland as Italian Minister to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Van Allen. Mac veagh served in Garfield's cabinet, having been a republican until the last election, when he supported Cleveland.

THE charitable movement in Dallas in which the churches, individuals and all charitable societies have established head quarters to issue rations to the poor of that city is to be commended. We hope the example will be carried out in all our cities.

OUR Texas congressmen refuse to accept the double mileage that congress voted to its members. It does look as if a salary of $5000 a year, 20 cents a mile for going to Washington on a dead-head pass, and $400 or $500 allowance for stationery which is never used, ought to be good pay for a congressman, without doubling the mileage allowance. Some day we will find that body voting itself extra pay for extra exertions in eating and drinking during the Christmas holidays. —Fort Worth Gazette.

Treasury Running Low.

WASHINGTON, Dec 26.—The prospects are, during the present week, that the available cash balance of the treasury will reach a figure lower than has ever been recorded in its history. At the close of business Saturday the balance, as stated on the books of the treasury, was $90,487,268, and it is generally expected that it will fall below $90,000,000 during the week. The total balance on the 1st instant was $95,199,616, showing a reduction, during the month, of $4,712,348. The loss, however, has fallen more largely upon the currency balance than upon the gold reserve. The marked excess of expenditures over receipts, it is now believed, will show a defiency in the revenues at the close of the calender year of, approximately, $37,000,000.

Shot and Killed.

COLLINSVILLE, Grayson Co., Tex., Dec. 25.—Yesterday morning Leo Osterlow, while playing with a supposed empty pistol, shot and almost instantly killed his brother, Wash Osterlow. The dead man leaves a wife and three little children.

Awarded Highest Honors World's Fair.

DR. PRICE'S
Cream Baking Powder.

The only Pure Cream of Tartar Powder.—No Ammonia; No Alum.
Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

A BOLD NEGRO

Robs The Pacific Express at Marshall—The Messenger Assaulted and $8000 Taken.

MARSHALL, Tex., Dec, 25,—At 3 o'clock this morning the Pacific Express company was robbed by a negro of about $8000.

At the hour named the Texas and Pacific train from the west arrives, and all south bound express is transferred to the Northern Pacific train. The distance from one train to the other is only a few feet, and the platform is illuminated by electric lights.

This morning Messenger A. McCulloch and Chas. Neudell were making the transfer. As McCulloch was walking across the track he was hit from behind by the robber and his pouch taken from him.

Messenger Neudell was standing close by when the robbery occurred, and fired one shot at the robber, but without effect. He says the robber was a negro.

The weapon used by the thief was a stick of stovewood, which inflicted a painful wound

The officers this morning found a black hat, a white collar and an old, well worn map just north of the depot, With this exception, nothing of importance has been learned.

McCulloch's wound is above the right ear, and is very painful. He was taken to Express Agent Yorkey's and physicians summoned. This morning he is resting easy.

When the robbery occurred the platform was filled with people. It is claimed that fully 150 persons saw the occurrence,

The amount secured is estimated at from $5000 to $8000, all in currency.

All Sorts Assorted.

Fir is stronger than oak.

Peanuts yield a superior oil.

Uncle Sam has 6,000,000 farms.

Japan makes 6,000 tons of iron annually.

Copper mines are a Paraguay discovery,

Paper is made from sunflowers in Kansas.

An English blast loosened 200,000 tons of rock.

France is building an aluminium torpedo boat.

Germany has 5,000,000 savings bank depositors.

An English locomotive is to go 100 miles an hour.

Some scientists enumerate seventy-two races of mankind.

Mammoth comes to us from one of the Siberian dialects.

Agates were first found in the bed ef the River Achates.

The average man uses twenty-nine pounds of sugar per annum.

The first British translation of the Bible was in the Irish tongue.

Europeans eat, every year, 6,470,000 tons of beef, mutton and pork.

We produce and eat, every year, about 340,000 tons of beetroot sugar.

A grocer's journal estimates the world's crop of cloves at 5,000 tons.

In 1720 Stephen Gray discovered that electricity acts at a distance.

A single factory in Delaware put up 1,000,000 cans of corn last year.

There are 50,000,000 bushels of peas grown in this country annually.

Jupiter has a red spot and a white spot and both puzzle astronomers.

Balzac, when not at work on his novels, entertained himself sketching.

The annual value of the world's cocoanuts is estimated at $60,000,000.

The first electric machine, a globe of sulphur, was made by Guericke in 1647.

Germany has twenty-one universities, with 1920 professors and 26,700 students.

A 17 year old giant in Australia measures 8 feet 3 1-4 inches and weighs 300 pounds.

Glass globes for generating electricity were used by Newton and others about 1675.

Socrates was fond of playing with children and was often seen busy with them at their games.

A vein of mineral wax, resembling pure butter, has been discovered by peat diggers in Ireland.

SNAP SHOTS.

[Dallas News.]

Tall steeples seem to make some christians look entirely too high.

Woman has two weapons. One is the broom and the other is her tongue.

Every mortal who marries should begin the honeymoon with patience enough for two.

Many a man's first sweetheart has raised him a wife.

Many a young man is too smart long before he graduates.

The bald head is a scroll of honor with nothing on it.

A fact is as hard to get over as a barb wire fence.

Every woman has something to be thankful for. If she wears a number 3 shoe she can feel grateful that it is not a number 4.

The prodigal son is very flighty, but he has to come home to roost.

The epicure sometimes finds it necessary to banquet on tough experiences.

The calves must come off the stage.

The fool is a study in green.

Real progress never goes down hill.

The cigarette does not explode like a firecracker, but it lasts all the year round.

An exchange asks: "Why do we wink?" The chief reason why we wink is because we are thirsty and out of money.

It is getting so that almost half the things a deaf man hears are lies.

Very few delinquent mortals come to what they cost.

When we speak of a scrap book these days we mean a code containing the marquis of Queensbury rules.

DOUBLE DEATH.

Willis Takes His Sweetheart Out Driving, Kills Her and Suicides.

DAINGERFIELD, Morris County, Tex., Dec. 26.—Late yesterday evening a young man came dashing into town with the tidings that Bee Willis had killed Miss Minnie Moore a mile from town and then killed himself.

Willis was a promising young man about 22 years old, son of G. W. Willis. Miss Moore was about 17 years of age, the daughter of W. F. Moore. Both families are highly respected and the young people were very popular.

The victims were cousins and had been engaged to marry. Their folks objected on acount of being relatives. The young people had agreed to marry anyway, but in the last few days, from some cause, had about cancelled the engagement. Late yesterday evening Willis was out driving and found Miss Moore at a neighbor's, asked her to take a drive with him and she consented.

On the return from the drive, when in sight of Mr. Dick Moore's, the young lady's grandfather's house, where she was to take supper and go to a party, Will Bonard and Mr. Moore, who were out in the yard, saw Willis pull a pistol from his pocket, put one arm around Miss Moore, and placing the revolver against her breast fired. He then stopped his horse, put the smoking revolver to his breast, fired twice up with their work.

and fell over on his victim in the buggy.

The parties in the yard rushed to where they were, but the work was done and death relieved them both in a few minutes. Not a word was uttered by either after the party reached them.

Willis left three letters, one to his little sister, which only stated he was going to kill himself and wanted her to have his watch; one to his father, telling him good bye, and another to the girl, whom he killed. The last letter was found in his pocket, which his father would let no one see, but stated it threw no light on the trouble. The letters were not dated. Willis was buried to day in town and Miss Moore out a mile from town.

In Memmorium.

Miss Nioba Hedrick, after a long, lingering illness, died at Mullin, Texas, on December 19th, 1893.

The deceased was young. She was cut down in the morn of life. Her fortitude was grand and sublime. Amid the clouds of adversity which hovered thick and fast around her young life she defied all opposition. For industry and perseverence she had no equal. Her moral sky was clear as crystal. Young womanhood had just spread its mantle over the tender flower when disease touched its foliage and caused it to fall, withering, to the earth—but we trust to bloom in a brighter sphere beyond. Despite the cruel sufferings which she was subjected to she had a smile for every face. As a monument to her memory her noble and generous character will stand forever.

If for every kind word and noble deed, emenating from her, a blossom could be laid upon her grave she would repose beneath a wilderness of flowers To her heart stricken mother we extend our deepest sympathy. In behalf of the printing fraternity of McKinney we can say that she is missed at the "cases" where she has faithfully worked in all the offices here We believe that, in spite of doubts and fears, she is safe from further pain and to where she has gone none need fear to follow. In sadness we close this article by giving the following letter which is probably the last she ever wrote:

MULLIN, Tex., Dec. 16, 1893.
Mr.———McKinney, Tex.

I received your letter, which found me very sick and have been growing worse ever since, and it is naturally supposed that I cannot last much longer My sufferings are so great that I am willing to die; still at the same time I regret to leave my many friends behind, especially you, who has been so good and kind to me.

I will close.

NIOBA HEDRICK.

From Little Elm.

Editor Democrat.

LITTLE ELM, Tex., Dec. 23.—As a great many of us take THE DEMOCRAT at this place I suppose you will not object to a few items from here.

Our little village is on a boom. We have one of the best schools here that can be found anywhere. We also have a Masonic and an Odd Fellow's hall. They are in good condition.

Our farmers are pretty well up with their work.

Christmas is on hand and parties are the order of the day.

Mr. B. M. Fuqua, one of our brightest social lights, has gone to spend Christmas at his old home in Virginia.

R. A. D.

A RETIRED BUSINESS WOMAN.

A Page From Her History.

The important experiences of others are interesting. The following is no exception: "I had been troubled with heart disease 25 years, much of that time very seriously. For five years I was treated by one physician continuously. I was in business, but obliged to retire on account of my health. A physician told my friends that I could not live a month. My feet and limbs were badly swollen, and I was indeed in a serious condition when a gentleman directed my attention to Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, and said that his sister, who had been afflicted with heart disease, had been cured by the remedy, and was again a strong, healthy woman. I purchased a bottle of the Heart Cure, and in less than an hour after taking the first dose I could feel a decided improvement in the circulation of my blood. When I had taken three doses I could move my ankles, something I had not done for months, and my limbs had been swollen so long that they seemed almost putrified. Before I had taken one bottle of the New Heart Cure the swelling had all gone down, and I was so much better that I did my own work. On my recommendation six others are taking this valuable remedy."—Mrs. Morgan, 509 W. Harrison St., Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, a discovery of an eminent specialist in heart disease, is sold by all druggists on a positive guarantee, or sent by the Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind., on receipt of price, $1 per bottle, six bottles for $5, express prepaid. It is positively free from all opiates or dangerous drugs.

Sold by all druggists.

Bold Robbery at Denison.

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 26.—Bob Taylor of Bonham was robbed here this evening of $525. He is collector for the land department of the firm of L. & H. Blum of Galveston. He came in yesterday, and has been here since This evening about 7:30 o'clock he went into McMillan Bros.' grocery store, on Maine street, and went to the rear to go to a closet. As he neared the closet he was grabbed from the side and forced through an alley gate Directly on the outside stood another man.

The men went through Taylor's clothes, taking a roll of bills in which there was $525, some change, his keys and his watch. The man who was searching him then took a package of land leases from Taylor's pocket. Taylor managed to partly break loose, and grabbed the leases, which were torn in two. Both men ran, and Taylor went into a store for help. There was a good deal of noise in the store, and his cries had not been heard. Search was made, and the watch, knife, keys and some change were found where they had been dropped by the robbers. Taylor was seen by a reporter, and stated that so far as he knew no one knew that ee had any money. He left Bonham yesterday. He says that this evening he observed a man following him, and purposely went out of his way, and the fellow still followed him. He stopped and asked him what he was following him for, but received no reply.

The police are unable to find this party. There seems to be no clue. The robbery occurred within five hundred feet of the center of the city.

A Delightful Entertainment Furnished By A Clever Family of Musicians.

Blaze theatre-goers were not out in full force last night. It is a pity they were not. The blaze theatre goer belongs to a class which, despite continued allegiance to the stage, is always peevishly complaining that theatrical attractions are growing monotonously alike, and that there is nothing new under the roof of the opera house. But this class will change its views after witnessing the entertainment given by the Noss Jolity company. The performance is of such a refreshingly different character from any that has been given in Chattanooga for years; it is marked by such delightful informality; it is so clean and dainty, and it is permeated with such an abundance of life and mirth and music that he must be indeed a captious critic who fails to share in the general enjoyment the entertainment creates. There is no chance for criticism; the entertainment does not partake of enough seriousness of purpose for that. The play is a mere skeleton on which are strung the clever and fanciful capabilities of a company of talented musicians. They play on every conceivable instrument, and they extract music from everything about them.—The Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times.

The above attraction will be seen here on next Tuesday eve, January 2. This will positively be the finest attraction ever seen in McKinney.

HOLIDAY RATES TO STUDENTS.

Walden's Texas Business College, Austin Texas,

is progressive and in touch with the people to say the least. To aid energetic young men and women and ambitious parents, this institution agrees to pay railroad fare from any part of Texas, adjoining states or Mexico; or the pupil paying the fare, the College will sell scolarships, for full course, for $35.00, regular price $50.00. This liberal offer must commend itself to our readers and we trust that many of them will take advantage of it. The fact is this rate would be low, even if the school was small, without reputation or located in some country town. But when it is considered that it is located in one of the largest cities in the Empire State, is recognized as one of the most prominent schools in the south, has a national reputation, and can point to successful graduates in every section of the state and in many adjoining ones, this offer is a marvel of cheapness.

Parents; what more fitting or valuable christmas gift could you give your son or daughter, than a course in this institution—fitting them for independence, useful and honorable positions, thereby providing a safeguard against the reverses of fortune and the storms of adversity. A course of training in this college is a stepping stone to future success. The number of scolarships for sale is limited, hence those interested should write at once for Special Holiday Rates to Students.

A Soldier's Terrible Deed.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 26—A soldier named Chas. Roberts cut the throat of Josie Wilbur, serio-comic singer at a variety theater this morning, and then cut his own throat. Both are still alive, and the woman will probably recover.

Woman Cuts Her Throat.

CHAPELL HILL, Tex., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Dr. J. M. Nelson suicided by cutting her throat with a razor She had been in bad health for a long time, and during the past two months had made several ineffectual attempts at self-destruction.

For bureaus see Nale & Dies.

PROSPECTUS

Of J. H. Davis' ("Cyclone") Great Book,

"A POLITICAL REVELATION."

This book is just what its title signifies. It treats of the rise and formation of our government, its constitution and policy, showing that the intention of the founders of our government was to inaugurate just such a system as is provided in the populist platform. It shows that corporations are the royal family of the United States, with more power to absorb the wealth of the people than English royalty. The author not only harmonizes the populist platform with the constitution, but he clearly proves that the populists hold the only constitutional theory on money, land and highways It is a legal and historical review of the principles found in the populist platform, founding every principle on Blackstone and the common law of England, and supporting them by Jefferson, Madison, Clay, and the debates of scores of the framers of our constitution, while the constitution was being formed.

Mr. Davis shows clearly that the populists are the followers of Jefferson and Madison, and that their opponents are the followers of Hamilton and Morris. The volume contains more than a hundred pages of quotations from Jefferson, Madison, Clay, Randolph, Mason and others, proving our position to be strictly in conformity to the constitution.

It arms every man with facts of law and history by which he may overthrow every opponent, and disarm every lawyer who opposes us.

The subjects are treated in that legal, logical and convincing style peculiar to Mr. Davis alone. It will be a text book and standard work as long as the love of liberty exists in the human heart. The line of demarkation between aristocracy and democracy in government is completely drawn. Its principles are fundamental and eternal.

Every patriot should have a copy. Sent in clubs of five or more for $1.25 each. Single copy $1.35. Address all orders to

THE DEMOCRAT,
McKinney, Texas.

When you want a complete house furnishing outfit, Nale & Dies will fit you up cheaper than any one else.

THE NICKEL STORE

OTHERS MAY FOLLOW.

There is a great deal of satisfaction in leading and we are still in that position. Rivals attempt to follow our methods but find that we lead them a merry chase and they finally give it up or come to grief.

Elegance and durability, coupled with LOW PRICES, is what has placed our goods in the lead.

See our stock of holiday goods—Toys, Dolls, Books Games, Glass and Tinware, Jewelry, Knives and hundreds of specialties too numerous to mention in this brief space.

We can save you money. Bring your families, including the LITTLE ONES. Wishing all a merry holiday, we wait to greet you in

The Nickel Store,

Next Door to Postoffice, McKinney, Texas.

PAINLESS Dental Parlors

NO CHLOROFORM, NO PAIN, NO BAD EFFECTS, NO ETHER, NO DANGER, NO GAS.

Crown and Bridge Work, Gold, Alloy and Plastic Fillings a Specialty.

Teeth filled without pain. Teeth positively extracted without pain. My method of extracting teeth is as Harmless as water. I can extract any number at one sitting and have no bad effects.

I employ no quack methods but work purely from a medical and scientific standpoint. Am a graduate of one of the best dental schools in the United States—Class 85, Vanderbilt University. I propose to do only FIRST-CLASS WORK and at moderate prices. I have all the latest and approved appliances and use the best of material. I have located in your midst to stay and solicit a share of your patronage.

J. T. Taylor, D. D. S.

Office in Morrow Block, North-east Corner of Square, over Wiseman's Store.

Dr. BURTON,

Rooms 13, 14 & 15 Morrow Bl'k.

McKinney, Tex.

Treats Exclusively all Diseases of the

Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat and Chest. Genito-Urinary Female and Private Diseases. Uretheral Stricture, Rectal diseases, etc.

All diseases treated by the latest and most approved methods. Call or address, Lock box 60.

J. M. BERRY. W. W. McDOWELL.

Fine Goods Coming.

We will receive this week a shipment of Extra Fine

FLOUR, SUGAR TEA AND COFFEE,

Besides Other Fine Goods.

We expect to supply the demands of the best trade and ask it to see us just

West of Foote House, McKinney, Texas.

Respectfully,

Berry & McDowell.

$15 For You $15.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY RATES.
Walden's Texas Business College, Austin, Texas.
Write to-day for Catalogue.

Killed By A Sheriff.

QUANAH, Hardeman Co., Tex. Dec. 24.—Last night at Crowell S. J. Moore, sheriff of Foard county, shot A. Y. Beverly, constable of the same county, who died from the wound this morning. Sheriff Moore is shot once through the thigh, but the wound is not fatal. The trouble grew partly out of some papers sent to Collin county for service. The remains of Beverly were brought here by relatives to day and will be carried to Plano to-morrow for burial.

The above dispatch was taken from the Dallas News of Monday last. A. Y. Beverly is a brother of our townsman, W. T. Beverly.

THE Bell Watch Case Co.

Make the Best Gold Filled Cases ALL SIZES.

Main Office, CINCINNATI, Ohio, U. S. A.

16-SIZE HUNTING ROYAL.

Warranted 10, 20 and 25 years. See that your case has trade mark "Comet," "Royal" or "Bell" stamped in gold and you are safe on quality and guarantee. We refer to any Commercial Agency as to the value of our guarantee. For sale by responsible retail selling jewelers.

D. GOUDEN, Agent,
McKinney, Texas.

Highest of all in Leavening Powe test U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Houston and Texas Central Railway Time Table.

Going	North,	No. 13	Arrives	5:21	a. m.
"	"	" 3	"	10:59	a. m.
"	"	" 1	"	8:15	p. m.
"	South	" 2	"	8:14	a. m.
"	"	" 4	"	4:49	p. m.
"	"	" 14	"	9:28	p. m.

East Line Railroad.

Leaves..... 10:40 a m
Arrives..... 6:30 p. m.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. R. L. Parker is quite sick.

Mr. T. B. Wilson is building an addition to his house.

The county alliance meets at Maxwell, east of Plano, on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1894.

The fire works business has been run to the full extent of the law this Christmas.

C. W. Parker and family of Sherman, were in the city this week.

The employees of J. P. Dowell presented him with a beautiful cane as a Christmas gift.

The Nickel Store desires to thank the public for their generous patronage which resulted in almost depleting its large stock of goods.

The Collin County Masonic School of instruction, will begin Tuesday, January 9, 1894 All masons are cordially invited to attend.

R. R. Parker of Sherman, spent Christmas in McKinney.

The Cumberland and Methodist churches of McKinney gave Christmas trees.

English Spavin Liniment removesall Hard Soft or Calloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeny Ring-Bone, Stifles, Sprains, all Swollen Throats, Coughs, etc. Save $50 by use of one bottle. Warranted the most wonderful Blemish Cure ever known. Sold by E. N. McAULAY, Druggist, McKinney, Tex.

Last Wednesday morning a negro stole two coats from B. F. Houston & Co's., store on East Louisana street.

Mr. Jabe Kindell's horse fell with him last Friday night and broke his left leg just above the ankle.

Gentlemen who wish fine job printing should consult us before placing their orders.

According to the McKinney Enquirer, no one can be believed who is not a democrat. By the way, Bro. Bingham, who is a democrat, a Hogg man or a Cleveland man?

Sunday last Puck Coleman and Jim Cheek, while on their way from Dallas, had a fight on the train this side of Allen. They were arrested here and placed under bond.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine: It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription: It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO.,
Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Big Rush

On wall paper and paints to reduce stock at City Drug Store.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

The Waterloo is all right.

Sole agency for the celebrated I. W. Harper, Chase's Barley Malt and Meades genuine Canada Rye. A big stock on hand. R. E. BRISTOL.

Miss Dessia Gutgeselle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gutgeselle sr. of this city, died last Tuesday morning and will be interred at Pecan Grove cemetery to day.

Mrs. Ball, wife of Mr. Alf Ball, of this county, died very suddenly last Monday night Mr. Ball being absent in Tennessee.

Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded by "The Noss Jolity Co." in their unique novelty "A Quick Match" at the Opera House, Tuesday, Jan. 2

Messrs J. A. Evans, Dr. G. A. Foote, Burl Stiff, A. Coffey, A. Craus, Tom Dies, Judge M. G. Abernathy and W. T. Beverly visited Dallas last Friday.

Thin and impure blood is made rich and healthful by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. It braces up the nerves and gives renewed strength.

Many of our exchanges have decided not to issue a paper during holiday week. THE DEMOCRAT will appear as usual but our readers are asked to excuse us for lack of news, for we are taking our Christmas and New Years enjoyment at this time,

Last Saturday night a man by the name of Jim Edwards undertook to break up a Christmas tree exercise at Long Neck school house, east of McKinney. As a result some good citizens took charge of the fellow, hauled him to town and turned him over to officers, when he was placed in jail.

When on a visit to Iowa, Mr K. Dalton, of Luray, Russell County, Kansas, called at the laboratory of Chamberlain & Co., Des Moines, to show them his six year old boy, whose life had been saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it having cured him of a very severe attack of croup. Mr Dalton is certain that it saved his boy's life and is enthusiastic in his praise of the Remedy. For sale by R. E. Bristol.

Public Speaking.

Hon. J. H. (Cyclone) Davis will speak in McKinney on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 1 p. m., also at Maxwell on Wednesday night Jan. 17. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these speakings. Remember that it is a treat to hear Mr. Davis. Tell your neighbors and bring all you can to hear the populist doctrine expounded by an able advocate.

Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment

Is a certain cure for Chronic Sore Eyes, Granulated Eye Lids, Sore Nipples, Piles, Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum and Scald Head, 25 cents per box. For sale by druggists.

TO HORSE OWNERS.

For putting a horse in a fine healthy condition try Dr. Cady's Condition Powders. They tone up the system, aid digestion, cure loss of appetite, relieve constipation, correct kidney disorders and destroy worms, giving new life to an old or over worked horse. 25 cents per package. For sale by druggists.

R. E. Bristol Druggist.

Mr. R. P. Hankey, Business manager of "The Noss Jollity Co." was in town yesterday, and gave this office a pleasant call. He assures the theatre goers of this city, that his attraction which will be seen here Tuesday eve, Jan. 2, is by far the finest entertainment ever seen in McKinney. Manager Sims is indeed very fortunate in having secured it, and every effort will be put forth to make the engagement a success. Judging from the inquiry for seats already, this company will be greeted by a packed house which they so rightly deserve. Go everybody.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately If you want quick relief and cure this is your remedy. Sold by E N McAULEY druggist McKinney, Tex.

Music for Everybody.

M. B. Rexrode, one door south of Collin county bank handles the Mathushek Piano, Packard, Waterloo and other makes of organs, which he will sell for cash or in installments on the most reasonable terms.

Mr. W. J. Sokes, who has been quite sick for the last three weeks, is improving.

MARRIAGE BELLS.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by county clerk Waddill since our last report.

Wash Lyday and Alice Jones, Wilks Price and Eusiba Beckam, L L Hand and M E Hickey, James Hickey and Cora Crutcher, J L Yeager and Nettie Seay, O C Smith and Bettie Womack, W E Simmons and Sallie Risedeu, C T Tarvin and Eva Burton, L B Garner and Francis Lee, James Bumpass and Maggie Smith, W A Odom and Louisa Wood, J E Gates and Lillie Moore, W M Reed and Sadie Singleton, J L Hooper and Fannie Richard, J T Carson and L V Dunn, Richard Long and Hanns Gallion, A R Hutchison and Effie Cheeney, W R Bradford and Eva Hamilton, Chas Harbin and Ora Gray W J Laxson and Bettie Smith, T V Dennis and Mattie Neely, John Renfro an Sallie Kendall, Tom Wilkerson and Bessie Berry, J F Nichols and E A Sperry, J C Hardin and G A Hardin, I B Norrell and Flora Baily, S C Millen and S H Perry, Perry Hawkins and Minnie Bean, John W Orenduff and J G Work, W T Long and Nannie Smith.

Mr. J. P. Blaize, an extensive real estate dealer in Des Moines, Iowa, narrowly escaped one of the severest attacks of pneumonia while in the northern part of that state during a recent blizzard, says the Saturday Review. Mr. Blaize had occasion to drive several miles during the storm and was so thoroughly chilled that he was unable to get warm, and inside of an hour after his return he was threatened with a severe case of pneumonia or lung fever. Mr. Blaize sent to the nearest drug store and got a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, of which he had often heard, and took a number of large doses. He says the effect was wonderful and in a short time he was breathing quite easily. He kept on taking the medicine and the next day was able to come to Des Moines. Mr. Blaize regards his cure as simply wonderful. For sale by R. E. Bristol.

Local Christmas Excursion.

On December 23rd, 24th, 25th 30th and 31st and January 1st, the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company will sell round trip tickets from any point to any point on its line at greatly reduced rates—tickets to be limited for return to Jan. 3rd, 1894.

In addition to selling tickets to points on the Santa Fe Line, tickets will be sold to points on the I. & G. N. Railway via Milano and all points on the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway.

Ask your nearest ticket agent for information as to rates and connections.

W. S. KEENAN,
Gen'l. Pass. Agent.

IF YOUR BACK ACHES,
Or you are all worn out, really good for nothing, it is general debility. Try
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
It will cure you, cleanse your liver, and give a good appetite

THERE must be some sort of affinity between the late William H. Vanderbilt and the New York musician who, when appealed to in the name of art to vote for the suspension of a rule of the Musical Union, replied: "Art be d—d; we are after money."—Jefferson Jimplecute.

Notice.

All parties indebted to J. A. Bryan are hereby notified to come forward and pay the same to the undersigned; thereby saving cost, as the business must be closed.

W. M. BAGLEY,
Dec. 5 '93. Trustee.

Dont fail to see W. N. Collier for rates and tickets to East and South-East short route, quick time via S. S. & S. Cotton Belt and Memphis. Try the new route.

Byrne & Henson will loan you money on your farm at 9 per cent and let you pay one tenth of the principal each year; also buy vendors lien notes on the same plan.

Look out for that 25 barrels, Belle of Nelson. For sale at Howard & Williams.

Case goods, all first class Also our old Bob White is still on hand.

HOWARD & WILLIAMS.

If you want your land title investigated call on the Collin County Abstract Co.; they can do it for you quick and are prepared to do it accurately.

Our Acknowledgement.

The following list of persons have our heartfelt thanks for subscription received recently:

J T Mitchell,
T L Gaines,
C T Calloway,
W H Burns,
E C Box,
D D Harless,
I L Lemley,
H H Craver,
B C Childress,
J N Latham,
W A Holder,
C M Swaim,
H W Burns,
M W Younger,
D W Williams,
S L Joines,
Eli Hays,
B C Shields,
M C Leake,
G F Wood,
S J Cockrell,
J W Bunch,
S H Anglin,
R S Donaldson.
C W Stevens,
F. P. Wood.

One Lady Says

I have been troubled for years with a hacking cough. Have had many doctors and tried fifty cough cures. I grew worse all the time I tried Park's cough syrup and found immediate relief. It begins at the bottom of the disease and I know it is the best cough remedy on the market. Refer any sufferer to Mrs. W. J. Fahey, Le Roy, N. Y. Sold by Smith Bros.

Business Notice.

Accounts due from parties to the Collin County Grocery Store. E. M. Board proprietor, must be paid.

This is the cheapest grocery house in McKinney—it handles the best and cheapest staple and fancy groceries and it must collect all amounts due.

It certainly favors more people in Collin county than any of its competitors. Remember this request and call at the Collin County Grocery Store.

EDGAR M. BOARD,
Proprietor.

It is not entirely a bad motto "to enjoy life while you can" particularly as regards amusements. Good shows are like hens' teeth, and when such a well established company as "A Quick Match" comes our way, about the most graceful thing to do is to fall in line and go out for an evening of enjoyment, excitement and laughter over the situations; love and hate for the characters are richly blended in this famous comedy, and the company presenting it has gained an enviable reputation in every large city from the Atlantic to the Pacific by uniformly even, harmonious and artistic performances. You are the loser if you fail to enjoy it on next Tuesday evening, January 2.

Look out for that 25 barrels, Belle of Nelson. For sale at Howard & Williams.

Meade's Canada Rye is Genuine. All others are imitations. Get the best at

R. E. BRISTOL'S.

Persons wanting to sell or buy land, call on John M. McKinney, south-west corner public square in Johnson building up stairs, room No. 26.

FOR DYSPEPSIA,
Indigestion, and Stomach disorders, take
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
All dealers keep it, $1 per bottle. Genuine has trade-mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

Berry & McDowell will give you some special bargains in groceries. See them. West of Foote House.

Prices cut to suit the times at D Goodin's.

See M. B. Rexrode for special Holiday bargains in pianos and organs.

Case goods, all first class. Also our old Bob White is still on hand,

HOWARD & WILLIAMS.

If you want to renew a loan or borrow some money call on Byrne & Henson; all loans put through at once without delay.

Holiday Goods.

Have your Xmas jug filled at the City Drug Store.

Holiday goods at the Collin County Grocery Store.

J. B. Dodson & Co. caarry a full stock of all the best brands of soaps.

H. C. Herndon wants his money. Call and pay him.

See the ladies gold watches at D. Goodin's.

Don't forget the old reliable Collin County Grocery Store on the corner.

List of Letters.

Remaining unclaimed in the post office, at McKinney, Tex., Dec. 23, 1893, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter office at Washington, D. C.

Basham D O	Bradley Perlina
Branch John	Byrd J D
Brock Hugh	Brown Frank
Bunt C E	Conner Evie
Collier L C Mrs	Coleman Ardier F
Curtsinger S	Drake G W
Evens B C	Evans J J
Fraze J T	Grissom Jacop
Hattaway Levi	Haden Osker
Hanaley N H	Headrick Charles
Hight R L	Hodge Rece
Jones M P	Irons Martin
Jarratt L G 2	Kayle C P
Kennedy Mary	Layman Florence
Lee Mary	Lochridge Sarah
McEntee P W	Maxwell Luke 2
Mires Mrs	Myres Thomas
Myers Ephraim	Morison Bettie
Moore Eddie Miss	Monruew Charle
Monroe John	Morrison J H
Owens Thomas	Prickett M F
Rains Henry	Ragle W J
Rainey Lula	Rilleson Lizzy
Robertson May	Stackhouse Keith
Skelton Thomas	Thomas E R
Smith Moley	Vienne Emile
Waldroup W D	Watts M S
Wells John	Wright Davie
Williams Charlie	Wilson Mary.

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

H. E SMITH. Postmaster.

Dr. W J. Thurmond's Catarrh Cure and Blood Syrup.

These two remedies, so well and favorably known throughout Texas and the South-West, are again being put before the people by Dr, Thurmond himself. These great remedies have become so popular that to avoid imitation the Doctor has changed the wrapper by adding a photograph of himself and his signature, and hereafter none of these medicines are genuine without the photograph and signature. Sold by Smith Bros., R. E. Bristol and J. B. Dodson & Co.

Nale & Dies will exchange you a new stove for your old one. We have a second hand store on Virginia street.

Case goods, all first class. Also our old Bob White is still on hand.

HOWARE & WILLIAMS.

A fresh lot of Stearn's perfumes just arrived at J. B. Dodson's drug store, North side of square.

Important notice to all persons indebted to H. C. Herndon: You are requested to call and settle your accounts and notes at once. Must have money.

Important Notice.

Parties indebted to E N. McAulay & Bro, will please call and settle. The business of the old firm must be cleared up at once. Don't forget this matter.

All Ills That Pills

Are good for are treated more successfully by Park's Tea. Is not a cathartic no griping or pain. yet moues the bowels every day. Sold by Smith Bros.

THE MARKET.

ST. LOUIS—Cattle; shipping $3.10 to $3 67.

Hogs; Packing $5 00 to 5.25

NEW ORLEANS—Cotton, middling, 7 1 8 cts; middling fair 7 15 16.

CHICAGO—Wheat 59 1-2 cts; corn 34 1 4 oats 28.

LOCAL MARKET

Cotton 6.25 cts.; cotton seed 16 cts; wheat 55 cts.; corn 40 cts; oats 32cts.; chickens, $1.75; eggs 12 1 2 cts; butter, 12 1-2cts.

Nale & Dies sell the Leader cook stoves, the best stoves in the world.

Look out for that 25 barrels, Belle of Nelson. For sale by Howard & Williams.

Byrne & Henson can tell you all about your land title by a glance at their complete set of abstract books of Collin county.

Case goods, all firstclass. Also our old Bob White is still on hand.

HOWARD & WILLIAMS.

See M. B. Rexrode for special holiday bargains in pianos and organs.

I have accomodated you. Now, accommodate me by paying what you owe me. I must have the money. Please pay and oblige, H. C HERNDON.

Mathushek, Mathushek, the most reliable and best constructed Piano ever sold in North Texas, at M.B.Rexrode's, south Collin county bank.

Byrne & Henson has worked several years on their abstract books of Collin county, and at last they have them complete. Call on them and you will be sure to get what you want.

Counterfeiter Arrested.

City Marshal Sam Burks arrested R. M. Porter, alias "Big Jack," for making and passing counterfeit silver dollars. Burk succeeded in getting hold of several of the dollars and one among the number not being finished. "Big Jack" has been in the county about six months and from papers, it seems that he at one time taught school in Dallas county. He is about 30 years old, weighs 190 or 200 pounds, 6 feet high, wears No. 11 shoes, has light hair and mustache, light blue eyes, and large Roman nose; has a scar on left fore finger at second joint; is a fine penman.

Plano Bank Robbery.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 27.—At 2 o'clock this morning The News reporter learns from unquestioned authority that City Marshal J. C. Maddox has arrested a party suspected of complicity in the recent bank robbery at Plano. The name of the party or the nature of the evidence on which the arrest is based cannot be learned to night, as Mr. Maddox cannot be found and he is not at home. That an arrest has been made, however, there is no doubt.

British Troops Slaughtered.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—News of a disaster to the British scouting party in Matabele land was received by Mosenthal & Sons, merchants of 72 Bashinghall street, to-day. It is stated that in addition to Wilson's party the party under Capt. Barrows, sent out to reinforce him, has been cut to pieces. The number of men composing the two detachments is said to have been about 200. The news has caused great excitement throughout the city and is being magnified on all sides. The rumors have it that the two columns, after being completely surrounded by Matabeles, were charged upon repeatedly and slaughtered to a man, their bodies being horribly mutitated.

Attempted Murder

DECATUR, Tex., Dec. 27.—An attempt was made to assassinate Gus Pickett, son of Hon. G. B. Pickett, at Oak Grove, seven miles northeast of Decatur, last night. The young man in company with a friend, had gone to Oak Grove to attend a Christmas tree. At the close of the exercises, as they were getting on their horses, the assassin walked up behind Pickett and fired, shooting him through the shoulder, and as he fell, fired the second time in his face. but fortunately the ball missed its mark. The wound in the shoulder is painful but not dangerous, and he will soon be well. Officers are scouring the country to-day with but little hopes of catching the would-be-murderer, as he is doubtless near the border of the Indian Territory before this time.

More Territory Robbers.

HENNESSY, O. T., Dec. 27.—Reliable information has just reached here that the stores in the town of Columbus, sixteen miles east of here, were looted by three men armed with Winchesters at dusk this evening. This makes the third robbery and hold up in forty-eight hours in this vicinity. Citizens of Hennessy are arming themselves, and should the gang strike here they will fall into a hornets nest.

Call on the Collin County Abstract Co., for deeds and notes accurately written and acknowledgements properly taken; always a notary in the office.

Case goods, all first class. Also our old Bob White is still on hand.

HOWARD & WILLIAMS.

A sure thing: Milk Weed Cream for chapped hands and face at J. B. Dodson's drug store.

Look out for that 25 barrels, Belle of Nelson, For sale at Howard & Williams.

A new lumber yard is being located near the former site of the Jefferson Lumber Co. on East Virginia street. G. W. Owens & Co. will be the name of the new firm.

Look out for that 25 barrels, Belle of Nelson. For sale at Howard & Williams.

The prescriptionist at J. B. Dodson's can be found day and night at the drug store.

Not Going to Break!

We are Breaking Prices Every Day.

We have been making such reductions in prices and humming things on our side of town till our competitors are getting uneasy, as to our financial condition and have asked if we are not going to break, you are right brethren, but its

PRICES INSTEAD OF OUR POCKET-BOOKS.

See the List Below that Must be Sold.

MILLINERY, Less than half Price.

DRESS GOODS.

Black, year round goods excepted at prices to sell. NOTHING CONTEMPLATED, ALL REAL.

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!!

Our stock of Overcoats in boys have failed to move as they should and we will force them, see them, our sizes are broken a little in this department, but it will pay you to see us. We are full in youths suits from 14 to 19 years, also in novelty cutaways for men. Drive a peg here.

HATS!! HATS!! HATS!!!

We are going through our stock and put in special departments some drives.

VALISES and TRAVELING BAGS.

On account of room we have been unable to show any stock in this department, all old stock must give place for new, hence there is something here, do you need them?

WOOL BLANKETS.

We bought them in latter part of October, when Congress was agitating the wool question and we know we can prove that we are the blanket people of McKinney.

☞Come to see us, save money: while we are reducing stock and doing our best to please the trade of McKinney, Collin and adjoining counties do not fail to accept our many thanks for the trade of the past year and ask a continuance next season. Hoping you all a happy New Year and inviting you to see our specials on sale every day at our store, we are,

Yours very truly,

Wylie & Baldwin.

School books, tablets, slates, inks and everything else needed in school at Seay & Webster's book store.

Window shades at Nale & Dies.

If you want to sell your farm place it with Byrne & Henson, the Collin County Abstract Co.

When your want a prescription quickly and accurately filled, day or night, call at J. B. Dodson & Co's' new drug store on the north side of the square.

☞Packard, Packard, Packard, the best organ on the market, at M. B. Rexrode's.

Notice of Dissolution of Co-partnership.

The firm of Owens & Armstrong Bros. has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

Messrs Karl and F. H. Armstrong are authorized to collect all accounts due said firm and assume the payment of the liabilities of the same.

Signed, G. W. OWENS,
KARL ARMSTRONG
F. H. ARMSTRONG.

J. P. Dowell will keep his hardware store open to a late hour each evening to accommodate customers.

Diamonds, gold watches and chains, rings in great variety, cuff buttons, stick pins, love chains charms, gold pens, gold spectacles and eye-glasses, silverware, clocks and many things too numerous to mention at D. Goodin's.

Rocking chairs at Nale & Dies by the car load.

J. B. Dodson & Co. have just received a new and complete line of school supplies, ink and stationery.

Old folks at home. Buy father or mother a pair of those beautiful gold spectacles at D. Goodin's.

OPERA HOUSE.

Elite Engagement!

Tuesday Eve. Jan. 2

Just One Night.

A Positive Novelty!

THE NOSS JOLLITIES

IN A
MIRTHFUL, MAGIC,
MUSICAL
MEDLEY.

A QUICK MATCH.

NO ADVANCE IN PRICES.

Seats on Sale at Colemans Book Store, Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

☞The Packard is the best.

Smith Bros.

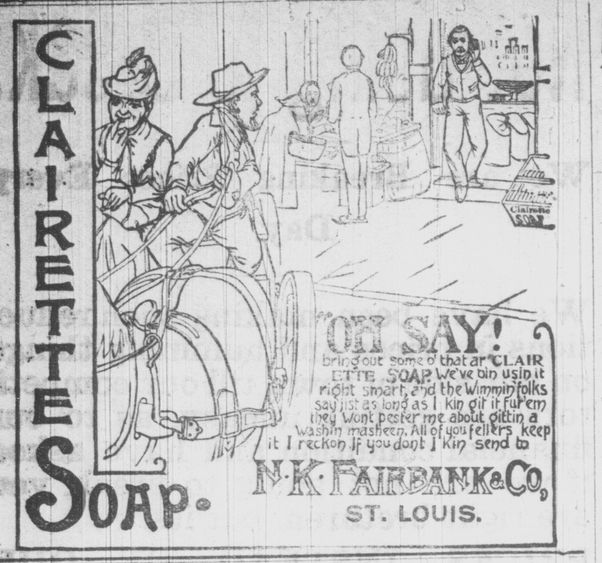
Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds. Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see them, east side of the square.

☞See the Mathushek.

Nale & Dies is the "show" enough place to get furniture and other house furnishing goods cheap. N. E. cor. square.

Why don't you go to M. B. Rexrode and purchase a bicycle? Cash or Installments.

Byrne & Henson have a few more good, cheap farms yet for sale on reasonable terms.



County Officials.

M. G. Abernathy,	County Judge.
T. F. Mangum,	County Attorney.
J. W. Waddill,	County Clerk
J. L. Moulden,	Sheriff.
John W. McKinney,	Tax Collector.
R. S. Chandler,	Tax Assessor.
W. H. Taylor,	County Treasurer,
S. P. Clardy,	County Surveyor.

Calendar of District, County and Commissioners Court of Collin County.

DISTRICT COURT: Hon. T. J. Brown, Judge.
Court convenes 1st Mondays in January and June of each year.
COUNTY COURT: M. G. Abernathy, Judge.
Court convenes for civil, criminial and probate business. 1st Monday in March; 3rd Monday in May; 4th Monday in July; 2nd Monday in Oct. and 2nd Monday in December of each year.
COMMISSIONERS COURT: Convenes 2nd Mondays in February, May, August and November of each year.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.

Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. H. Wofford, pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. ———— superintendent.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Rev. G. A. Russell pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

METHODIST.

Services every Sabbath at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:15 p. m., Rev. Flaiger pastor. Sabbath school every Sabbath at 9:45 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

CHRISTIAN.

Preaching every Sabbath morning at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Elder ———— pastor. Sunday school every Sabbath to 9:30 a. m. P. Harris, superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30.

BAPTIST.

Preaching every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:45 p. m., Rev Sims pastor. Sunday school Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. T. C. Perry, superintendent

Masonic Directory.

St. John's Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. M. meets the 4th Saturday night in each month. E. H. BOWLBY, W. M.
R. F. DOWELL, Secy.

Haggai Chapter No. 53, R. A. M. meets the 4th Monday night in each month. C. H. WYSONG, H. P.
W. M. BAGLEY, Secy.

McKinney Order Eastern Star Chapter No. 61 meets the 2nd Tuesday night in each month at Masonic hall.
Mrs. M. E. WILEY, Worthy Matron.
W. M. BAGLEY, Secy.

ALLIANCE DIRECTORY.

COUNTY ALLIANCE.

President, M. N. Stroup, Verora, Texas.
Secretary, Miss Leola Spivey, Plano Texas.
Meets at Maxwell, east of Plano, Wednesday, 17th of January, 1894.

SUB-ALLIANCES.

Bethany Alliance meets at 2:30 p. m., Second and Fourth Saturdays in each month.
President, T. B. Carroll, Allen, Texas.
Secretary, J. T. Forbes, Allen, Texas.
Josephine meets Saturday night before 2nd and 4th Sunday in each month.
B. F. Ivy, Pres., Josephine, Tex.
C. C. CARLISLE, Josephine, Tex.
Nevada Alliance meets Saturday night before the First and Third Sundays in each month.
J. W. YOUNGER, Pres.
J. L. PUCKETT, Sec.
Altoga Alliance meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in each month.
R. P. MOSIER, Pres., Altoga, Tex.
R. C. ROUSE, Sec.
Roseland Alliance meets each 2nd and 4th Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m.
S. L. BRADSHAW, President.
W. F. PRICE, Secretary.
Rowlett Alliance.—Time of meeting Saturday night before the 2nd and 4th Sundays. R. T. QUISENBERY, Pres. McKinney, Tex
W. T. HALE, Sec'y. McKinney, Tex.
New Hope Alliance meets 2nd and 4th Thursday nights.
M. W. Younger, Pres. McKinney, Tex
W. A. Holder, Sec'y. McKinney, Tex.
Verona Alliance meets 2nd and 4th Thursday nights in each month.
A. C. STROUP, Pres. Verona, Tex
SALLIE STROUP, Sec'y.
Copeville Alliance, No. 855, meets on 1st and 3rd Saturday nights at 7 p. m.
W. S. Cox, Pres., Copeville, Tex.
W. T. Thompson, Sec., " "
Stinson School House Alliance, No. 650, meets 1st and 3rd Saturday nights in each month at 7 p. m.
J. F. Ratley, Pres.
H. C. Gannaway, Sec.
Parker, Tex.
St. Paul Alliance, No. 630, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights in each month, at 7 p. m.
J. J. CATO, Pres.;
J. W. CHAPPELL, Sec.
Cedar Alliance meets Friday night before full moon in each month and two weeks thereafter.
J. L. MAYS, Pres.
J. R. SELF, Sec.,
Merrit, Texas.

Each Secretary of Sub-Alliances should send in names of officers and time of meeting and have them recorded. Ed.

VARICOCELE AND STRICTURE
With all bad consequences, strangury, loss of energy, nervous enfeblement, nervous debility, spermatic discharges, lost manhood, despondency, unfitness to marry, wasting away of the organs, certainly and rapidly cured by entirely new methods. Cures positively guaranteed. Question Blank and Book free. Call or write.
DR. WARD INSTITUTE,
120 N. Ninth St., ST. LOUIS, MO.

ANY LADY can get a valuable secret that costs her nothing, as a number should for 10 cents.

A PRAIRIE NEW YEAR

HOW THE COWBOYS CELEBRATE ON THE WESTERN PLAINS.

Social Grades Are Unknown, and "Store Clothes" Confer No Distinction—Wild Turkey, Roast Shote and Possum at the Midnight Feast—Dancing the Fandango.

A few days before New Year's preparations are begun for the big dance which inaugurates the season's festivities on the western plains. The ranch where the ball or "fandango" is to be held is literally given over to the boys for the occasion, and they never fail to make the most of it. Invitations are sent out over the neighborhood within a radius of 20 miles, and nearly every one is accepted, for a ride of 20 miles to one accustomed to spending 10 or 12 hours a day in the saddle is a mere nothing.

Besides, this is the one opportunity of the year to spend money lavishly for the sake of a good time. An extra cook or two are hired, and supplies enough laid in to feed a small army. It is the privilege of every cowboy on the place to make out a list of eatables that he feels his constitution demands. And several days beforehand the great wagon is hitched up and a trip taken to the nearest town to get provisions.

A more heterogeneous mixture of edibles can scarcely be imagined—raisins, nuts, candies, canned meats and fruits, pickles, crackers—anything kept and recommended by the obliging and neighborly grocery man.

In addition to the store bought delicacies for the feast, the ranch cook distinguishes himself in the way of barbecued shote, game, "possum an taters," pies and cakes and the like. For a week or two before the feast all hands lend their aid to the capturing of game and the finding and saving of eggs.

As for the fandango, the preparations are few and simple. Beds and other space consuming pieces of furniture are removed from the rooms intended for the dance. The bare floors are sand scoured and flecked with fine shavings of sperm candles, which soon, under the many gliding feet of the dancers, form a fine, sleek coating, delightful and seductive to the feet. On two sides of the room, close up against the wall, a row of chairs is set for the accommodation of those not dancing.

By 6 o'clock in the evening the guests begin to arrive, the boys having gone after the girls, on horseback generally, some of the "stony" couples coming in buggies, the high seated "piano boxed" vehicles of the west, with their double teams and general air of smartness.

The girls have their party dresses tucked up under their black calico riding skirts, some of them bringing waists, gloves and white kid slippers done up in a bundle, to be put on after they arrive. And a merry hearted, merry faced set they are—cheeks glowing and eyes sparkling from the exhilaration of the ride in the wind and the expectation of the unwonted frolic.

The music is furnished by negro fiddlers, whose repertory of old fashioned "breakdowns" is never improved upon nor ever falls short of its early charm and infection upon its hearers.

Perhaps you never saw a cowboys' fandango. Their style of dancing is peculiar to themselves. Like their horses' build and gait, it is made for hard and long service. It is a solemn, rhythmic sort of posing, the heels rarely leaving the floor, as much dancing being done with the arms as with the feet. It is a motion which seems unconsciously to partake of the monotony of the prairies, suppressed, intense and inexhaustible.

There is almost no distinction of classes or social grades in the west. Years ago, in the formative time of cattle ranching, the cowboy was a sui generis. His father and grandfather were cowboys, "day wranglers," "nighthawks" and "cow punchers." His language was "bloody," and his figure and mind were uncouth. Today he may be a graduate of an eastern college, a theological student or the youngest son of an English lord.

The western woman or "gal" is more typical. She may be the "boss" daughter, educated "on east;" the "renter's" daughter, with only a smattering education from the free school, or the "hired girl," plucky, independent and "good as her betters."

In the same "set" there may be one man with a "store" suit on; another in his regular suit, consisting of blue flannel overshirt and leather belt, buckskin leggings or cottonade overalls.

The boys laugh loud, clap each other, hang their "guns" on the wall while they are dancing, steal behind the house for their drink between sets, but they treat the girls like queens. No matter how rough their clothes, they generally have white hands and small, well clad feet. They will wear boots, but they have them made with high heels, of fine leather, pointed toes and often red tops.

They revel in dancing. They are graceful, natural, muscular and active. Dancing to them is horseback riding in good company, under shelter and to the tune of a fiddle. It gives free play to their untiring, restless bodies and at the same time satisfies and delights their love of women's society and good fellowship.

These holiday dances last all night, their only breakfast being at 10 o'clock, when eggnog is served, and at 12, when the big supper is eaten. Then, with renewed vigor and spirits, they return to the floor. The fires burn low in the great chimneys, the kerosene lamps flicker and smoke, the fiddlers doze and play on mechanically, the girls languish, and even the cowboy himself feels the force and strain of protracted, time measured motion. But the dance goes on.

Not until the dull red glow of sunrise creeps over the dun prairies does the music stop.

Then after a breakfast of "cold bits" and strong, hot black coffee the girls go to rooms prepared for them at the ranch, or mounted on fleet footed broncbos go galloping over the prairies, the fresh, wild wind in their faces and the thrilling memory of sweet words or sweeter

NEW YEAR'S,

FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Ring out, O bells, of every sect—
Too many names ye have for rhyme—
Peal joyously the New Year chime,
And all the weal we all expect.

Ring out the bustle and the bang:
Ring out the dudes and the pug dogs, too:
Ring out long nettes without ado,
And dripping skirts that bobbing hang.

Ring out the need for Latin, Greek;
Ring out the mixed tongues, slang and all,
And when we go to make a call
Let us converse in Volapuk.

Ring out the "rings," the corners keen
That corner many a man of wit;
Ring in some good laws made to fit,
And not by lawyers only seen.

Ring out hard times and dire suspense;
Ring in less greed, a kindlier hand;
Ring in great plenty through the land;
Ring in a rain of common cents.

—Selected.

A NEW YEAR REUNION

"What comfort is my son Jack! His treacherous mother left no trace of her in him. He is all mine! Another year will see Jack through his medical college. Then, with my son my partner, I can look outside of business and perhaps can love again."

Dr. Stielson's sister entered—Miss Sue.

"A man is down stairs, brother, with a box for you. He is sinister and mysterious and will not give his name, but must see you."

"No subject peddler? I have got over that. Let him come up. Stand, sister, outside the door and listen."

A man like a robber, with swelled features, came in with a parcel.

"Well?"

"Is that your name or initials?" asked the man, producing a surgical instrument of silver.

"Undoubtedly. How did you come by it?"

"I took it in trade from a young man. I think I see his picture on that mantel."

"Slanderer! Deceiver!" exclaimed Dr. Stielson. "That is my only son."

"Take your hand from my throat, doctor. I am afraid of you. If I should cry 'Murder!' what would become of that young man? See here!"

He opened his package, and it contained a full set of costly surgical instruments in Dr. Stielson's specialty, of late not much used, but he recognized every article.

"Your reputation," said the illicit dealer, "is such that I put the clew upon my bargain at once. I asked the young man for a receipt when I paid him the money. I swear that I see his photograph there. Can you swear this is not his handwriting?"

The doctor looked and groaned and sank into his chair.

"Sue, settle with this person. O my God!"

The sister did as she was bidden, dismissed the fence shopkeeper and came back.

"Jack is a thief, Sue. He has robbed his father. What is to be done?"

"Nothing. It is bad enough already."

"I can never trust him again—never recommend him. Our ways part from this moment. Let him never see me!"

"Brother, it is New Year's eve."

"The night I married his accursed mother. Have I toiled and spent the hours of sleep in storm and midnight consultation to gain a national fame only to come to this pang—I have no son!"

He faulted, who had a nerve of steel and could cut to the very membrane between life and death. His sister was experienced and gave him restoratives and heard him continue to moan and rave.

"Be still!" she said at length. "Do you suppose this afflicts me not? What have I to love but Jack? If you throw him off, I will go with him. Now beware!"

"Oh, if he had killed some one in an affray! If he had set the city on fire! If he had been anything but a thief!"

"Enough. He is a thief. That is all of it. A thief was forgiven on the cross, where you and I are now. I shall forgive him."

"I never will."

"Then you are a bad man. Perhaps you have stolen yourself some time. Look below your hard heart, Pierce Stielson, and reflect!"

She heard a key in the door below and left her brother, sick herself of the misery which had come upon that house.

"New Year's eve!" exclaimed the doctor, and he threw himself upon the floor, not for the first time in his life, to know the ache of the broken heart.

He had come to Philadelphia from Delaware, out of an apothecary's shop, to study medicine. Excessive ambition from boyhood on had annealed his real sensibilities with the fire of energy till he was like a boiler full of fire, his rivets of life ever screwed up, his leisure nothing but cold exhaustion. His was a name of fame now without personality.

All knew that he had separated from his wife soon after their marriage and was soured, but his son seemed to fill the vacant place. His own integrity was everywhere understood, and a very few knew that this man of indifferent manners and hurry and intensity had a second nature beneath the first that was like an undeveloped childhood.

Pure misery he felt now, the little thing he had not watched—filial truth—taking him like an assassin upon his own threshold.

He could not cry; he could not reason. His absolute nature and faith had been for the second time destroyed.

There were bottles on his mantel which could kill. They had often occurred to him as instant reliefs from so much living and so little resulting. He felt like dying now by his own act. No fear of the grisly had he, but he was deterred by pride.

If he could almost wish his son would read of his father's suicide and become penitent, there was a woman who might think the love of her had caused it and exult!

How honorable, he thought, had been his life; the uniform meeting of his bills, the apprehension of debt, the fidelity of his contracts, his disregard of avarice while accumulating prosperity. And yet his sister had but now thrown it up to him that he might once have been a thief.

He a thief? Now he did weep in indignation!

"Never, never"——

Oh, memory!

He faltered to say "never" again, for there crept into his mind the memory of two distinct acts of dishonesty committed in childhood, which he had forgotten for 30 years.

He had played truant from school in his parents' absence and meanly put the excuse for it upon his orphan cousin, a helpless ward in his father's house.

There also arose before him a moment when he had taken a quarter of a dollar twice from his employer's till to buy his way into a circus.

Could those deeds be now called villainy? Pshaw! They were the raw acts of an unformed animal, a mollusk, a timid, wistful child. He had put temptation under his feet long ago and resolved never to lie nor evade nor to take mean advantage, and had lived up to his second life till frankness and courage were as natural to the great surgeon as to his faithful mastiff dog.

Yet his sister could charge him with the

spring of that earlier life—not this second and better birth of the upright man in the slippery lad.

Could he say that his were not the traits which had descended to his child?

Could he again lay upon a woman's, an erring woman's, head all the weak traits of his boy and reserve to himself a rectitude he had this instant found three exceptions to?

All at once a feeling of pity for the erring boys or women came into Dr. Pierce Stielson's perception, peeped into his heart and lingered there.

He began to feel glad that he had committed two thefts and one dastardly mean act, else he would be above magnanimity. As a blameless father he could not forgive his child.

As a thief, a thief upon the cross of pain and woe, he could look over into the kingdom of thieves and almost think, "Ye poor Robin Hoods of the world, enter into my paradise."

As a recreant cousin to his older playmate, he now could forgive Peter, who denied his master like a perjurer till reproved by the crowing of the wanton bird.

Dishonesty might be congenial, hereditary, but it was the most general of offenses. How had he dared to liken it to Cain spilling his brother's blood, or the fell incendiary's destruction of house, city or one's country?

He, the anatomist, the materialist, who had traced the folds of the brain, the exact workshops of motion, memory, speech, love, ecstasy, felony—was he to drive his son away for an act he would forgive his dog?

The weaker the son, the greater should be the father's love.

The gnawing torture of the doctor's heart seemed to feel the sedative comfort of this counsel, and far beyond his son's offense he almost felt forgiveness for that one which had dealt him the fouler blow.

"Oh, man! Oh, embryo! Oh, fellow laborers and coveters upon the planet!" the doctor thought, like prayer. "Forgive each other! Let me by charity become a god and cast out every hate!"

His sister entered—a grim woman, disappointed in love. She took his head in her lap and sat upon the floor.

"Pierce, I am ashamed of myself to have called you a thief. You are all I have left; Arthur has gone."

They sobbed without hope. It was long before the doctor could even repeat, "Gone?"

"Yes, he admitted it all. A woman had fascinated him. To make her a present for Christmas he took off that old case of tools. He says he cannot look you in the face."

"Why not? I have remembered, sister, when I was no better than Arthur."

"I remember my brother," spoke Sister Sue, "when you were no example to his mother, nor an example for my lover, whose follies you would not forgive. If I had my lover back, God knows I would forgive him! We drove him away. Arthur has been as weak. If I live life over again, I shall not strain to find everybody perfect and be the only perfect one, left desolate and alone."

"A woman infatuated Arthur? Why, that is the commonest case in the world. Young fellows are hardly responsible at such times. I don't think it is so very bad. I'll give Arthur an allowance and call him home."

"That was your mistake before, Pierce. He had no money. You questioned him too closely!"

"He shall have an allowance—a large one. What else do I live for?"

"Brother, listen! That is his key!"

"My son! Come, come to me!" loudly cried Dr. Stielson.

The son appeared. His handsome face expressed woe. He stood awhile silent, looking to the floor.

"I have one regret, father," finally said Arthur. "You will be unhappy. Like all who are dishonest, I suppose, I thought to return my stolen goods before they could be missed."

"It's all right, my boy. I so far forgive you that I will invite the young woman you like to our New Year's dinner."

"Sir, I love you dearly, and my aunt also I love. And yet there is a dearer one. I must eat my New Year's dinner there."

"Oh, infatuated son! I thought you pure as crystal."

"The lady I love, my father, loved me first. She cannot live without me. Sir, I am without offense, except that I took your tools and sold them. No one can know this lady I speak of and not be pure."

He now raised his eyes and looked at his father. He dropped tears of real emotion.

"Pierce, you have suspected him where he is blameless," Miss Sue said, trembling.

"Oh, they all think that. Our medical students think all these early widows of their predecessors to be mere victims of circumstance."

"Is not that as well as to believe a body pure?" cried Aunt Sue, kissing her nephew's lips.

"She would eat alone if I ate my New Year's dinner away from her," faltered the boy's words, with a fresh flow of tears.

"She shall not," cried Dr. Stielson. "She shall eat it here, and if it must go so far she shall be my child."

He took his son in his arms. He spread his office safe wide open and gave Arthur the keys.

"Take all you want, my son, and dry your tears. I have not any bond or mortgage worth one tear of pain you shed."

"Father, she is at the door waiting for me. The love I bear her is sincere pity, nothing more. Motherless myself, I found a heart that was like a mother's. She asked me for my picture for New Year's day. I could not refuse her. She forbade me to tell you of it. I put it upon her breast. With her now is the gentleman whose house she cares for. His character will justify us all."

"Command them both to come in, dear Arthur, and be welcome," spoke Dr. Stielson.

Two persons soon came in. There was a long, strange pause, which alarmed the son.

Miss Sue was the first to speak, averting her eyes from the strange, tall man who had entered.

"Arthur," said Aunt Sue, "I see your portrait set in gold upon that lady's breast. I kiss her as I would kiss you, my last and only precious thing, because, Arthur, she is your mother!"

"Dr. Stielson," the strange man spoke, arresting all by his but half welcome presence, "hear me once more. We began our careers together as medical students in this city of Philadelphia. For 20 years we have never acknowledged each other, though of equal medical rank. I loved your sister. You judged me too hard by our boyish trespasses and forced her to give me up. Yet, Susan Stielson, first and last of my true loves, I have for you lived a bachelor life."

"Have I lived false to you, Dr. Layton?" was Aunt Sue's reply.

"I hated Dr. Stielson, as all comrades hate a discrimination made between their families against two hearts. In turn—meanly revengeful—I played upon his ever rigid nature and drove him from his wife. Since then she has been the housekeeper of my bachelor home, and I swear to you a true and faithful wife and

mission which keep old age away."

Dr. Stielson's eyes were full of tears again.

"Even at home your wife, Pierce Stielson, saw not many, but saw at last her son. I made her promise me to hold the secret back till time could somehow work this scene."

"I felt that I must have the picture of my child upon my breast, where he had so oft lain," the wife, with sweet expression, said. "Oh, Pierce, what instruments, such as he took to buy me this, could give disease so much relief? I wait for all things, even for your reason to come back."

"It has come too late," Pierce Stielson sighed. "Could it have ever come but for the memory of some early sin that pricked my memory when I condemned my son?"

"There is nothing late about it," observed Aunt Sue. "Let Arthur's mother come here and take my place. I will go over to Dr. Layton's and take her place. I'm not as young looking as Mary, but I can keep Tom Layton just as comfortable."

"Why, there is a magistrate next door," exclaimed Arthur. "He can marry anybody. Father, can you forgive us all?"

"Forgive?" said Dr. Steilson. "Oh, friends, I can forgive all except him who has no errors to remember. Conscience has made me a husband again and given me a son—and I hope a brother in-law."

"Call in the magistrate, Arty," cried Dr. Layton. "I see only my Susan's heart of faultless beauty."

"These things," said Aunt Sue, "always happen about New Year's time."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Queen Elizabeth's New Year's Gifts.

Henry III of England followed the Roman precedent in extorting New Year's gifts from his subjects, the practice being revived in the reign of Henry VI and continuing till the reign of Charles I. But it was during Queen Elizabeth's reign that this custom of presenting New Year's gifts to the sovereign attained its most extravagant height. These presents were made by every one in any way associated with the virgin queen, from the great officers of state down to her majesty's dustman, and included sums of money, ornaments for the queen's person or apartments, caskets studded with precious stones, necklaces, bracelets, gowns, mantles, petticoats, fans, mirrors, silk stockings and a great variety of other articles. Howell states in his "History of the World" that "Queen Elizabeth in 1561 was presented with a pair of black silk knit stockings by her silk woman, Mrs. Montague, and thenceforth she never wore cloth hose any more." The queen's wardrobe is said to have been almost wholly supplied by these New Year's gifts, in return for which she made presents of gold and silver plate.—Buffalo Express.

The Russian Feast of the Dead.

The Russians, at their New Year's, hold a feast called "The Feast of the Dead," or, in the Russian language, "Radhizli Sabol." The people, in accordance with old, traditionary customs that date back probably to the time when they were wandering tribes in Central Asia, visit the graves of their departed friends and place food upon them. The priests attend also and celebrate the mass, taking portions of the food left upon the graves. The Turks and Arabs begin the year from the 16th of July, the Abyssinians the 26th of August, and the Indians of America with the vernal equinox.—Selected.

IN FAROFF RUSSIA.

The New Year Season Brings Joy to the Young—Twelve Days' Festival.

In the smaller cities of Russia, New Year's day is in the "Twelve Days' Festival." The Russians in many parts have held to the old ways from time immemorial. The preparations for the season begin early in November. The host of some great home begins to lay in stores of salted beef and sausages, liquors, etc. The hostess calls on all her friends and invites young and old. Next day she is succeeded by the nurse, who makes the same rounds of visits. Her duty is to invite especially the young ladies. She is hailed with joy, and the lady of the house hastens to mix for her the cup of wine. She delivers her message and is plied with questions as to the invited and rejected. But the most important question is, "Who are the elected?" These are the young men invited by the hostess for the girls or "fair maidens," as they are called. The duty of the young man thus designated is to look after the amusement and pleasure of the "fair maiden" during the "twelve days." The responsibility of the choice lying with the hostess, she has to be careful in her selection.

But the invitation has again to be repeated, this time by the master of the house in the person of his servant or "swat," who, with mace in hand, performs his mission. On entering each house he offers a prayer before the shrine of the saint to which it is dedicated. He then delivers the invitation in the name of his master or mistress. At first, according to etiquette, the invitation is refused, but after much pressing it is finally accepted. When the day arrives, the young ladies who are the heroines of the season appear in a sledge, accompanied by their mothers and favorite companions, generally girls of inferior rank, who sit at their feet. This sledge is followed by another containing the fire women, charged with caskets and dressing boxes. Other sledges follow, the longer the procession the greater the honor to the house visited.

On the arrival the host and hostess meet the guests at the gate, bow without speaking and conduct them into the house. The young maidens are then delivered over to the care of the hostess, and after friendly greetings, presents to the domestics and sweetmeats to the girls, the mothers and retinue return home. On Christmas morning, as the bells are ringing, the hostess herself awakens the fair maidens and serves their breakfast with the help of the nurses. But a very important part is the interpretation of their dreams on this first night. Then the "elected" arrive. The days following are full of gayety and pastimes for young and old. This season is very important to the young people in Russia, who at other times of the year, by the strict etiquette observed, are kept much apart.

Among ourselves the "Happy New Year" greeting and the social gatherings are now the sole recoguition of Jan. 1.—Exchange.

Young Wives
Who are for the first time to undergo woman's severest trial we offer
"Mothers Friend"
A remedy which, if used as directed a few weeks before confinement, robs it of its PAIN, HORROR AND RISK TO LIFE of both mother and child, as thousands who have used it testify.
"I used two bottles of MOTHERS FRIEND with marvelous results. I suffered as only women who has to pass through the ordeal of child-birth to know if they will use MOTHERS FRIEND for a few weeks it will abconfinement of pain and suffering and [illegible] safety to life of mother and child."
MRS. SAM HAMILTON, Montgomery City, Mo.
Sent by express, charges prepaid, on receipt of

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Chicago's Hebrew charity ball netted $18,000.

Ward Briggs attempted suicide in Wichita, Kan.

Portugal's minister of public works has resigned.

Fire at Edina, Mo., destroyed four business buildings.

The French chamber of deputies has taken a recess until Jan. 9.

Denver police discovered a Chines leper in a cellar in that city.

The judicial officers of Missouri are to meet in St. Louis Dec. 29 and 30.

The new Crispi cabinet made its first appearance in the Italian parliament.

Birnie Patrick, who shot three women and then himself at Fort Smith, Ark., is dead.

At Deadwood, S. D., a girl of 16 shot and killed another girl in a fit of jealousy.

A. B. Law, one of the jurors in the Wey poisoning trial at New York, fell in a fit.

S. Blumenthal & Co.'s warehouse at Pine Bluff, Ark., was burned by an incendiary.

In a skirmish near Fort Villeganon, 100 Brazilian soldiers were killed by insurgents.

Spanish manufacturers are protesting against the new commercial treaty with Germany.

The Nation Carbon works at Cleveland, O., were destroyed by fire—loss, $170,000.

The defense failed to produce Henry George as a witness in the Prendergast murder trial.

Representative master plumbers of Missouri organized a state association at Kansas City.

China is preparing a new treaty, which she will soon present to the United States.

The American Protective association is developing with great rapidity in West Virginia.

Pope Leo celebrated mass Sunday in St. Peter's cathedral in the presence of 15,000 persons.

Voltarine de Cleyre is the name of the new female leader of the New York Anarchists.

The manifesto of Admiral de Gama, has, it is said, strengthened the revolutionists in Brazil.

Maiden sisters were found dead, sitting side by side, in a farmhouse near Middletown, N. Y.

Two more bodies were recovered from the wreck of the Louisville and Jeffersonville bridge.

Philip Scheig, the Minneapolis bank robber, was sentenced to six years in prison at hard labor.

At Hurtsboro, Ala., Rev. Mr. Andrews narrowly escaped being killed in a cemetery by a crank.

Three Ironwood (Mich.) policemen are under arrest, charged with stealing from public chief stores.

Mrs. Gertrude Burnes has sued her husband, Fielding Burnes of Platte City, Mo., for divorce.

Mrs. Anna Adler was arrested at Brighton, Ia., charged with attempting to murder her husband.

A number of indictments have been found against Pension Attorney Van Leuven at Dubuque, Ia.

Albert Gess, a Zanesville (O.) liquor dealer, assigned for the benefit of creditors. Liabilities about $70,000.

Insanity experts fail to agree as to the mental condition of Assassin Prendergast when he shot Carter Harrison.

William Coleman of Crawfordsville, Ind., has sued his divorced wife for $2500 alleged damages to his property.

The $60,000 judgment in favor of Edward Stokes of New York against John McKay was reversed and a new trial ordered.

Premier Gladstone was severely criticised for an alleged sneer at ex-Secretary of the Navy Tracy of the United States.

Dr. John W. Schaffer, convicted of graverobbing, was sentenced to six months in the penitentiary at Des Moines.

J. T. Cunningham, a prominent farmer of Boone county, Missouri, pulled a gun toward him and was instantly killed.

General Dalus E. Coon, formerly a prominent citizen of Iowa, was accidentally shot and killed in southern California.

Berlin does not favor the government's policy of adding to its limits a number of districts inhabited by the poorer classes.

The Mexican congress has given President Diaz power to forfeit railway franchises held by foreigners whenever he thinks proper.

A brutal assault was made on Rev. Mr. Russell of Gibson City, Ills., on the Illinois Central track near Gilman by an unknown man.

J. F. Todd, labor commissioner of Kansas, was arrested for assaulting Editor house at Florence and charged with intent to kill.

Louis Paquel, a Chicago sharper, was arrested at Crawfordsville, Ind., while trying to work an extensive swindle on the bankers there.

Austin Corbin & Co. of New York have made a proposition to utilize the convict labor of Arkansas in raising cotton on Chicot island.

There is great excitement in Chillicothe, Mo., over the elopement of Sherman Constant, a married man, with a 17-year-old sister of his wife.

The English court of queen's bench decided the suit of Chile against the Royal Mail Steamship company for 388 silver bars against the republic.

The circuit court at Warrensburg, Mo., has awarded the widow of Senator Parks a judgment of $2150.87 against the Masonic Indemnity company.

New Year Customs In Orkney Islands.

In Deerness, in Orkney, a band of young and old of the common people meet and go around in the evening, and sing a song before each well to do person's door, commencing:

This night it is guid New'r E'en's night;
We're a' here Queen Mary's men;
And we come here to crave our right,
And that's before our lady.

Then as they sing they demand butter, cheese, ale, a fire and a knife.

We houp your ale is stark and stout,
For men to drink the auld year out.

When the song is ended, the door is opened, and the crowd rushes in pell-mell to partake of the supper set out, and so on from house to house. Sometimes this ceremony falls on New Year's night, and the custom of mummers, or maskers, going about eating and drinking prevails in many places. There is one rude play enacted by these mummers which Sir Walter Scott always had them enact at Abbottsford. "Burning the clavie," or tar barrel, in procession, is another custom of the Hogamanay in Barghead.—Philadelphia Press.

The Strike Declared Off.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 23.—The strike at

A MEXICAN OUTRAGE.

AN AMERICAN GIRL ABDUCTED BY A REJECTED SUITOR.

Jose Valdez and Three Companions Take the Girl From a Stage Coach—They Tie Her Upon a Horse and Escape to the Mountains.

DURANGO, Mex., Dec. 22.—The prefect of the District of Concordia and a party of rural guards are in close pursuit of the Mexicans who kidnaped Miss Charlotte Newman, a pretty American girl, a few days ago. Miss Newman lived at Mazatlan with her mother. She was on the way by stage from Agua Calientes to Mazatlan when the driver reined up at a call from the roadside, where four men on horseback sat pointing revolvers at his head. While one man held a gun on the driver and attended to the horses, one of the others stepped to the end of the coach and courteously requested the young lady to come out. The frightened girl recognized the larger man, a fine looking fellow, as Jose Valdez, her rejected lover. She begged the passengers to save her. Valdez warned them to do nothing, and as they had no weapons they dared not protest. After vainly urging Miss Newman to alight, Valdez and his companions laid hold of her and carried her to the horses. They placed her upon one, tied her to the saddle and led the horse toward the mountains. The Mexican authorities were at once notified. No trace of the abductors has been found yet.

Robbed of Cotton Money.

MILLS, Tex., Dec. 24.—While returning from Mexia, Mr. York was held up and robbed of $1050 by three masked men. He had sold 31 bales of cotton with the proceeds of which he was to make a payment on land. He was cautioned by men of Mexia to leave it in the bank, or carry a weapon to defend himself, but he replied that there was no such men in the country. Sheriff Hayden started in pursuit.

Kidnaping Crank.

TOPEKA, Dec. 22.—A special from Abilene, Kan., says that letters written by B. F. Rock, dated Topeka, were found here, that outlined a scheme for kidnaping Ruth Cleveland next month. Five people are named as implicated in the deal. It was at first thought to be a fake, but developments show it is probably a scheme of a crank who has gone east.

Found a Leper.

DENVER, Dec. 21.—Officers of the Chinatown police squad discovered a Chinese leper in a deep cellar on Wazee street. The man is 65 years old and for two years had been confined to this foul pit, which has neither windows nor ventilation. The disease was so far advanced that the flesh has fallen from his legs.

Train Robbers Sentenced.

AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—The courtroom was crowded Monday to see the train robbers as they were brought in. They were assigned counsel and proceeded to plead guilty to 28 indictments. They were given 35 years each in the penitentiary. The four includes Dick Wallace, Lum Deaton, Louis Shelton and Bill Brunson.

Will Start a Paper.

MACON, Dec. 23.—Ex-Congressman Tom Watson, who has been stumping the state continuously in the interests of the third party since his retirement from congress, has decided to start a morning newspaper here in the interest of that party. His backing financially is said to be good.

The Colorado Bombthrower.

BRECKINRIDGE, Colo., Dec. 23.—John Rodgers, a miner, is under arrest here, charged with having attempted to assassinate Banker Engle Monday by throwing a bomb into his bed room. He has resided here for twelve years, and it is said he has made threats against Mr. Engle.

Sandbagged and Robbed.

LAPORTE, Ind., Dec. 22.—Mrs. W. E. Stem, wife of the night operator of the Chicago and West Michigan railroad, this city, was assaulted and robbed at her home by a sandbagger who effected his escape while she lay unconscious. The thief ransacked the house.

To Succeed O'Neill.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Robert Adams, Jr., was elected by an overwhelming majority to succeed the late Congressman Charles O'Neill, who died several weeks ago. He is a Republican and was once minister to Brazil.

Electric Car Accident.

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—A buggy occupied by J. H. Brooks was run into last night on Elm street by an electric car. The buggy was completely wrecked and Brooks very much injured.

Cashier Dowling Indicted.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—James W. Dowling, late cashier of the mint here, was indicted for embezzling $25,000 by the Federal grand jury.

Insurgent Victory.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 22.—The insurgent forces in Rio Grande have captured San Pedro. The seige of Bage continues.

Ex-Congressman Beeman Robbed.

FOREST, Miss., Dec. 21.—Ex-Congressman Beeman was called to his door and robbed by masked men.

What Chinese Children Celebrate.

When do you suppose the Chinese children hire off torpedoes, skyrockets and powder crackers? If you do not know, you could never guess in all the world, so you may as well be told right away. They fire them off on New Year's day! And when you are told why they celebrate New Year's day as if it were Fourth of July, you will be still more surprised.

You know the Chinese have a different religion from ours, and because of that they believe many things which we do not believe at all. New Year's day the firecrackers are set off to keep evil spirits at a distance. The night before the new year there are special services to the Chinese deity, and at bedtime a pot of rice is left upon the table, covered with cypress leaves.

New Year's day there are social visits, dinners and family games. And all day long the Chinese youngsters are expected to keep up a firing of fireworks of all kinds to keep off evil spirits.—New York Ledger.

PATENTS
CAVEATS, TRADE MARKS
COPYRIGHTS.
CAN I OBTAIN A PATENT? For a prompt answer and an honest opinion, write to MUNN & CO., who have had nearly fifty years' experience in the patent business. Communications strictly confidential. A Handbook of Information concerning Patents and how to obtain them sent free. Also a catalogue of mechanical and scientific books sent free.
Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice in the Scientific American, and thus are brought widely before the public without cost to the inventor. This splendid paper, issued weekly, elegantly illustrated, has by far the largest circulation of any scientific work in the world. $3 a year. Sample copies sent free.
Building Edition, monthly, $2.50 a year. Single copies, 25 cents. Every number contains beautiful plates, in colors, and photographs, of new houses, with plans, enabling builders to show the latest designs and secure contracts.
Address, MUNN & CO., NEW YORK, 361 BROADWAY.

New Year's Is "Pin Money" Day.

All ladies know what pin money is, but it may be interesting to them to learn the origin of the expression and also to know that it is directly connected with New Year's day. Until the beginning of the sixteenth century the only pins